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## All lost positions recaptured

# Iraq foils fresh Iranian offensive

BAGHDAD, June 13, (Agencies): Iraq said it recaptured all positions lost to Iranian forces today in heavy fighting east of its southern city of Basra.

"Battles raged between 11.30 pm (1930 GMT yesterday) and 7 pm (1500 GMT today) when the Iraqi flag was hoisted over all our defensive positions which the enemy dared to attack," a high command communiqué said.

Battles waged by the Third Army "turned the wicked Iranians, who dreamed to achieve a victory, into hell's firewood, except those who fled or were captured," it said.

Iraq said earlier its forces foiled a fresh Iranian cross-border offensive, aimed at the Bubiyan and Kut Al-Suwaydi border posts east of the man-made fish lake in the Shalamcheh district.

Iraq admitted the Iranians had crossed the border in a "reckless assault" at the deserted police

posts at Bubiyan and Kut-Suwaydi 15 miles (25 kilometres) east of Basra.

But a military spokesman, who cannot be identified under military regulations, told reporters in Baghdad that the Iraqis' 3rd Army Corps has "absorbed the momentum" of the offensive and contained it.

Iranian forces seized positions in Shalamcheh more than a year ago but were driven out by an Iraqi offensive just three weeks ago.

### Missions

Iraq said its jets and helicopter gunships flew 310 missions against Iranian troops, positions and equipment during today's fighting.

A communiqué said the jets destroyed five Iranian helicopters parked at Umidya air base and hit an air base in Dezful in southwestern Iran.

They also destroyed 188 Iranian vehicles, 16 artillery emplacements, and an unnamed

bridge used for military purposes, the communiqué said. All Iraqi aircraft returned safely to base, it added.

The first communiqué told Iranian leaders to stop shedding blood in vain "because there will be no hope for you to achieve your wicked aims."

A military spokesman said earlier Iraqi forces were preparing a counter-offensive to teach the enemy a bitter lesson".

The Iraqi military spokesman said the new Iranian attempt was part of its aggressive expansionist policy and a reaction to the loss of the Faw peninsula in southern Iraq and Shalamcheh east of Basra.

### Saddam

The southermost unused Iraqi oil terminal of Faw and the Kut Al-Suwaydi and Bubiyan border posts in Shalamcheh were recaptured by Iraq in surprise attacks in April and May.

Baghdad television said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had

returned to Baghdad after personally supervising the Iraqi defences.

It showed him in meeting somewhere at the front with Defence Minister Adnan Kherullah, Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Nizar Abdul-Karim and other members of the Iraqi high command.

The President was heard telling an unidentified commander that an Iraqi brigade had captured 200 Iranian soldiers.

General Kherullah, in a cable of congratulations to Hussein, said: "If the Iranian rulers still have a little wisdom, they should fully understand today's lesson and extend the hand of peace instead of the hand of war which we amputated."

A military spokesman denied an Iranian report that an Iraqi warplane was shot down over the battle area.

The high command communiqué said Iranian artillery shelled Basra today, killing two people and injuring six.

London, June 13, (Reuter): Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah (left) and Margaret Thatcher (right) walk together in London.

(Reuter wirephoto)

## Crown Prince Abdullah in London to cement ties

LONDON, June 13, (Reuter): Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah met British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today for talks

that were expected to focus on bilateral business and political ties as well as the Gulf conflict.

The prince, who is also Saudi Arabia's first Deputy Prime Minister, is due to meet Queen Elizabeth and the Prince and Princess of Wales later in his four-day stay.

### Deals

Government sources in London said they saw the visit as an important opportunity to improve ties with a man now playing a growing role in Saudi foreign policy.

Defence experts said Saudi officials could bring up demands that are threatening a £5.5 billion (\$9.9 billion) deal to sell 132 aircraft, including 72 Tornado warplanes, to Riyadh.

Under the deal signed in 1985,

Britain agreed to offset part of the cost by investing in joint industrial projects in Saudi Arabia.

Don Kerr, a Middle East analyst at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, said that "offside deals are a mucky pond and it doesn't surprise me that such questions are arising.

There seems to be no agreement in detail about what Britain should undertake, but it's obvious the Saudis are interested in new high-tech projects."

Defence Ministry sources said arms sales would be discussed when 64-year-old Crown Prince Abdullah meets Defence Procurement Minister Lord Trefgarne on Thursday.

British government sources said the two sides would also discuss tensions in the Gulf, where Iranian gunboats attacked a British supertanker on Saturday.

### Accused

In Tunis, the head of the Arab League accused Israel today of dealing a mortal blow to a US Middle East peace plan, but said an Arab summit last week did not close the door on Washington's proposals.

Chadli Klibi, Secretary-General of the 21-member organisation, also warned at a news conference that a Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule could enter a more violent phase if Israel's position did not change.

Commenting on the peace plan promoted by US Secretary of State George Shultz during his four tours of the Middle East this year, Klibi said: "A mortal blow to the Shultz plan came from (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir, not from any other party."

He added: "The Arab side has a very clear position, it does not show any rejection (of the Shultz plan). The rejection comes entirely from the Israeli side."

Shamir has consistently rejected the idea of a United Nations-sponsored peace conference, a key element in the US plan, while Washington sees it only as a prelude to direct talks between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

## Israel deports Arab-American

# Deaf Palestinian shot dead in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 13, (UPI): Israeli soldiers, pursuing Arab suspects in a West Bank village, today shot and killed a deaf Palestinian who ran despite warning shots, Palestinian sources said.

Palestinian protesters and Israeli soldiers clashed in at least 12 other towns and refugee camps in the occupied West Bank, but no serious injuries were reported.

The occupied Gaza Strip was relatively quiet.

Also today, Israel deported Palestinian-American Mubarak Awad, a Jerusalem native who advocates non-violent resistance to Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Awad was put on a flight to New York shortly after 4 pm. The government charged that he had lost his right to remain in Jerusalem as a permanent resident after becoming an American citizen.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir also charged Awad, 44, had incited violence during the Palestinian uprising, now in its seventh month. Awad denied the charge. The United States urged Israel not to deport Awad and said if he was accused of any crime, he should be put on trial.

The United States today condemned Israel's expulsion of Awad.

"We strongly object to the Israeli government action," said State Department spokesman Charles Redman. "In our view, Awad should not have been deported."

### Suspects

Outside the West Bank village of Abwein, about 28 miles (45 km) north of Jerusalem, Dech Mamud Mohammed Hussein, was working in a field when soldiers began firing to stop suspects fleeing the village, residents told Ramallah hospital officials.

Hussein, who was deaf, began running and apparently did not hear warning shouts by the soldiers. He was shot in the forehead, hospital officials said.

An Army spokesman confirmed soldiers had entered the area to make arrests, but said there was no information on the shooting, which was under investigation. It was not known if Hussein was one of the suspects being chased.

At least 215 Palestinians and three Israelis have been killed in the anti-Israeli uprising that began Dec. 9.

In the West Bank village of Hebron, residents attacked three Arab postmen, delivering letters and tax notices. They stole the

## France looks set for Socialist minority rule

PARIS, June 13, (Agencies): France appeared headed for months of minority government today after President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist Party failed to deliver a clear parliamentary majority in weekend general elections.

Socialist leaders signalled that they wanted to continue to rule with a minority government, at least in the short-term, probably seeking informal support from communists or centrists where necessary to push through legislation.

### Surged

Socialist Education Minister Lionel Jospin said on French television: "The only possible majority is one formed by the Socialists around the major bills which he will present to parliament."

"There will be no cabals and everyone must bear their responsibilities — those on the left and those who claim to have an open spirit."

The Socialists surged ahead by 62 seats in yesterday's final ballot with 276 deputies and robbed the right of control of the 577-seat National Assembly. But no group gained an outright majority to enable it to form a strong government.

Socialist Prime Minister Michel Rocard was expected to resign on Wednesday at the next council of ministers meeting, political sources said. But they said Mitterrand was likely not to accept the resignation immediately and might even rename Rocard to form a government enlarged to the centre or a minority government if the Socialists could not reach a satisfactory agreement to bring centrists into the cabinet.

### Formal

Mitterrand, re-elected as President for a seven-year term in May, appeared unharmed to set out his plans. He made no public statement and there was no sign of activity at the presidential Elysee Palace today.

Mitterrand, a master of the art of politics with 40 years of



Mitterrand

experience, has two possible reservoirs of support — the centrists, officially part of the opposition centre-right alliance, and the hard-line Communists.

Most of the parliamentary contests are taking place in the northern Hindu heartland that has been the core of the Congress Party which has dominated Indian politics since independence from Britain in 1947.

The by-elections are likely to be last before general elections which must be held by the end of 1989.

## Rajiv faces crucial electoral test

ALLAHABAD, India, June 13, (Reuter): India's ruling Congress (I) party defends seven parliamentary seats on Thursday in by-elections widely seen as a referendum on the government.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi faces a personal challenge in the contest in Allahabad, home town of the Nehru family which has produced two of the country's six post-independence leaders.

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### Challenge

Officials of both ruling and opposition parties say the results of Thursday's polls will play a major part in determining the timing of general elections.

Rajiv, virtually on trial in Allahabad even though he is neither standing nor campaigning in the constituency.

It is here that his former cabinet colleague, now arch foe, Vishwanath Pratap Singh has decided to mount a challenge with the backing of most opposition parties.

## 50 feared drowned in ferry capsizement

CHITTAGONG, Bangladesh, June 13, (Reuter): At least 50 people, including women and children, were feared drowned when an overcrowded ferry capsized in southern Bangladesh today, police said.

They said the ferry, carrying nearly 100 passengers, sank in the flood-swollen Shitalabha canal near Chittagong port but only half of the people managed to reach the shore.

Those missing are believed trapped inside the sunken vessel or swept downstream by strong currents, one police officer told reporters.

## DAY BY DAY

A RECENT medical report claimed milk consumed in large quantities prevented cancer. However, in an earlier report, doctors said plenty of milk harmed the liver — particularly among old people. These totally contradictory medical opinions have us "lay-folks" totally confused (and possibly some of the doctors too). The safest course of action is to follow the advice of our ancestors "Avoid excesses in everything — especially, in eating, as over indulgence of the stomach would cause problems".

Zahed Matar

## INTERNATIONAL

**Police arrest three protesters**

# Seoul students attack US centre

SEOUL, June 13, (UPI): Radical students attacked a US cultural centre with firebombs and tear-gas grenades today and a policeman died from injuries received when other protesters set his tear-gas resupply truck on fire, US officials and Korean radio said.

A spokesman for the US information agency in Seoul said three students attacked the front of the American cultural centre in Taegu, 250 km southeast of Seoul, shortly before noon with three molotov cocktails and two tear-gas bombs. There were no injuries and only minor damage, he said.

### Demand

Police responded to the attack with tear-gas grenades and a tear-gas gun and arrested the three attackers, who were shouting anti-American slogans when they were subdued, the spokesman said.

The building was evacuated for about 15 minutes and the only damage to the centre was six broken windows and a slightly charred sign, the spokesman

said.

It was the fifth day of scattered anti-American and anti-government protests by radical students demanding an end to the US military presence in South Korea and a reopening of talks with communist North Korea on reunifying the divided peninsula.

The most fierce protest erupted Friday, when thousands of students attempted to march to the North Korean border to meet with communist youth and talk about reunification.

The government banned the march and crushed the march with a massive show of force. But students clashed with police in downtown Seoul, hurling firebombs and rocks into the crowded streets.

### Casualty

A riot policeman died Sunday from injuries caused during a student protest in a provincial city Saturday when students attacked his tear-gas resupply truck with firebombs, officials said today.

Kim Yong-Duk, 22, was fatally injured when he and eight

others jumped from a truck after it was hit by two molotov cocktails in Tejon, 145 km south of Seoul.

Kim, a conscript into the riot police, underwent emergency brain surgery but died Sunday, officials said. He was the first riot police victim this year.

Officials arrested 29 students today for violating national security and assembly laws. They were among 908 students initially detained during the protests last week.

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Another 620 students were either released with a warning or referred to school disciplinary committees, the national Yonhap news agency reported.

Officials transferred 229 others to summary trials, where they will be either released or put in prison up to 30 days.

Prosecutors, meanwhile, asked for arrest warrants for 18 students who stormed and firebombed a building housing the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister's offices Saturday in downtown Seoul.

On Sunday, an estimated

5,000 students and dissidents gathered at the city hall plaza to hold a memorial ceremony for Park Rae-Jun, 24, who doused himself with paint thinner and set it on fire June 4. He died of his burns two days later.

Before setting himself on fire,

Park was reported to have screamed "Kwangju is alive, rise in struggle," a reference to a 1980 civilian uprising in the southern city of Kwangju that was crushed by military troops.

Officials said at least 191 people were killed at Kwangju but dissidents and students say the casualties were far higher. Anti-government forces have blamed the nation's then-military rulers and the United States for violently crushing the revolt.

The funeral procession began peacefully at a downtown park, but turned violent as the students marched through the city.

Hundreds of the students stopped at a major downtown intersection and threw hundreds of firebombs as riot police fired volleys of tear-gas from armoured launchers.



A South Korean van catches fire after being attacked by radical students throwing firebombs. (Reuters wirephoto)

## AIDS cases rising in US, Europe

STOCKHOLM, June 13, (AP): New AIDS cases are being reported in the United States at the rate of one every 14 minutes, and an estimated 365,000 cases will have been reported by 1992, according to the latest US government figures.

In Europe, 12,221 cases of AIDS have been reported as of March 31, more than double the number a year earlier, said Jean-Baptiste Brunet of Claude Bernard Hospital in Paris.

Democrats around the country expressed optimism about Dukakis' chance to end eight years of Republican rule in the White House.

Republicans in the survey said the contest shaped up as a close one, but several officials added that Bush could win easily if he succeeds in his attempt to depict Dukakis as an heir to unpopular Democratic liberal policies.

Dukakis, the Governor of Massachusetts, leads in the polls in California and New Jersey, both of which last voted Democratic in 1964. He is running even with Bush in the polls in Utah, which gave President Ronald Reagan his largest majorities in 1980 and 1984. One survey shows him even in reliably Republican Nebraska, and with striking distances in Texas.

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He leads Bush by double digits in polls in California, the largest state with 47 electoral votes, which last voted for a Democrat in 1964.

Bush is perceived as running generally well across the south.

Republicans have won four of the last five presidential elections, with Democrat 1976 Jimmy Carter's victory the only interruption.

### Factors

While Dukakis leads in nationwide public opinion polls, there is agreement that political fortunes in the five months until the election will be influenced by factors such as selection of a vice-presidential running mate, campaign debates and the health of the economy.

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 13, (AP): Workers recovered the body of one miner and held out little hope for three others after a landslide hit a tin mine south of the capital today, company officials said.

The landslide buried a 0.8-hectare (two-acre) area in 15 metres (49 feet) of mud, the Bernama news agency reported from the new Lahad Tin mine near Ipoh, 200 kilometres (120 miles) from Kuala Lumpur.

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SRINAGAR, India, May 13, (UPI): At least one person was killed and 100 injured as thousands of rioters, angered by an electricity rate hike, battled police for a fourth day today in the northern city of Srinagar, police said.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Election lies

MOSCOW, June 13, (Reuters): A senior Soviet parliamentary official admitted today that authorities had frequently lied to the population about election results and predicted deep electoral reform would be enacted by next year.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda called, meanwhile, for radical changes to revitalise the "ossified" Soviet parliament.

It said the inability of deputies from non-Russian speaking Soviet republics to understand what was being said during parliamentary debates and the fact that many deputies lived far from their electorate, some even abroad, violated democracy.

### HMS Conqueror hit

LONDON, June 13, (AP): HMS Conqueror, the British submarine which sank the Argentine cruiser, Gen. Belgrano, during the Falkland Islands war, has been hit itself, by an unpranned torpedo fired from a belicopier, the Defence Ministry reported today.

A ministry spokesman said the nuclear-powered Conqueror was hit accidentally last week while on the surface during a training exercise and returned to its base at Faslane, Scotland, for repairs to bent deck-plating.

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The effects of the floods were heightened by the haphazard growth of shantytowns, said one Ankara official.

Ankara's Governor Saffet Arkin Beduk told reporters the shantytowns of Guverken Saffet and Abdilinas were hardest hit.

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## KUWAIT

## Volume of patients causes pressure on hospital

THE director of Farwaniya Hospital, Dr Saad Zaghoor, has said that the hospital's casualty and emergency departments have extreme pressure due to the volume of patients admitted to these two sections. Over the last year, the number reached 300,000 which breaks down to 900 patients daily, the majority of whom required only simple medical treatment which could have been obtained at clinics.

He stressed the fact that the doctors were excellent and highly qualified, indeed more than 17 of them held a PhD in medicine, and that the ministry provided specialised technicians to train the medical staff in the use of the technological equipment in the hospital.

He admitted a shortage of nursing staff, which was due to retirements, resignations and a lack of motivation, but pointed out that there was no shortage of medical supplies and that, despite obvious difficulties, the waiting time for surgical opera-

tions did not exceed three weeks and stressed that personal influence played no part in the kind of services offered to patients.

## Charges

Dr Zaghoor suggested that the imposition of charges for medical services would assist the government with the meeting of costs and reduce the number of those who abuse the health service, simply because it is free, which would ultimately lighten the excessive workload at hospitals and clinics.

He also praised the family practitioner service and hoped it would be implemented soon.

## Overlooked

Meanwhile, the chairman of Kuwait Medical Society, Dr Abdullah Al Rashed, has said that primary medical care constitutes the backbone of the country's medical services and thus more attention should be given to the medical field, the doctors' needs and the

requirements of the various medical centres, which labour under difficult conditions.

He said that doctors were overworked and this would ultimately reflect negatively on the quality of services.

## Assistance

He stressed the Society's need for financial assistance from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, adding that the resources were required to fund the completion of its various tasks and projects: One such project is to hold televised medical symposia to discuss aspects of the relations between doctor and patient and other matters pertaining to the medical profession.

He urged the Ministry of Public Health to start higher medical studies for all disciplines, whereby patients would be able to receive specialised treatment at the doctor's work site without having to seek admission to a hospital.

in medicine and in this respect extended working hours did not serve to optimise the level of performance of doctors or provide the best care to patients. Further, they said, prominence should be given to quality of service — rather than quantity as proposed by the ministerial decision.

However, the Undersecretary Dr Nael Al Naqib denied the extended hours decision as being unfair to doctors and added "this decision is within the framework of the national policy to protect public interests and the ministry would soon be issuing a decision to superannuate employees in the medical fields who had reached the age of retirement."

Meanwhile, an official source at the ministry said that the ministry has instituted a number of measures aimed at preventing an outbreak of meningitis in Kuwait and requested all pilgrims travelling to Makkah to be vaccinated against the disease. Further, the ministry called on passengers journeying to Egypt, Sudan, Mauritania and other African countries to have themselves vaccinated against meningitis as it was prevalent in those countries.

The disease is caused by a virus that affects the membranes of the brain leading to the inflammation which could prove fatal. The sources claimed that for every one case detected there were 100 cases where the virus was present but symptoms did not manifest themselves. Signs of the disease included high temperature accompanied with severe headache and vomiting.

**New Muslims**

FOUR persons, a man and three women embraced Islam in the presence of the Higher Islamic Court in Jeddah.

On the occasion, the president of the court pointed to the converts some main Islamic rules and duties and urged them to follow the Holy Quran and the prophet's Hadith.



● Kuwait's Minister of interior, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, received on Saturday at his office Dr Farouk Abdul Rahman (left), the chairman of the Arab Centre for Security Studies and his accompanying delegation.

## Murad praises role of Kuwaiti security staff

THE chairman of the Arab Centre for Security Studies based in Riyadh Dr Farouk Murad in an interview with a local daily during his visit to Kuwait said the Kuwaiti leadership demonstrated a strong and united front against foreign threats and praised the role of the Kuwaiti security staff who continually foiled all threats against Kuwait's security.

Continuing, he said the centre offers academic studies on security aspects to all Arab countries and awarded a Masters degree to students successfully completing the two year course. He disclosed that US Maryland University, considered as one of the first ten in the USA specialised in criminal studies had agreed to accept graduates of the centre to its doctorate programmes. This proved the high academic status of the centre he added.

The centre in cooperation with the UN organised an international meeting for specialists to discuss the problem of delinquency of juveniles. The recommendations emanating from the meeting were discussed by an international conference held in Austria and were approved. These recommendations will be discussed by the UN criminal committee during its meeting scheduled for August this year he said.

Dr Murad disclosed that the primary aim of the centre is to explain the merits of applying the Islamic sharia in preventing crimes and delinquency. The centre is organising training courses for a number of Arab policemen and will be holding two such courses in Austria to fight terrorism and to reduce road accidents. The courses are to be organised in cooperation with the Austrian police. He added that Kuwait continually supports the centre financially and morally.

Continuing, he said the centre has plans to develop co-operation with local societies such as Environment Protection Society, Anti-smoking and Cancer Society, Road Safety Society and the Ministry of Interior. Further, the ministry is considering opening labour camps during weekends and holidays to assist the society in carrying out some environmental projects.

Concluding, he disclosed that the ministry will open its 37th youth work camp from 18/6 to 11/8/1988 at which three groups of youths would participate in offering several cultural, social, religious and sporting activities.

Al Mazroui praised the efforts of the participants in the spring camps which had benefited the residents of the area — particularly the erection of wind-shields. He disclosed that the ministry was constantly endeavouring to upgrade the youth programmes in an effort to permit youths to better utilise their leisure time.

### Sheikh Sabah meetings

THE Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber yesterday received the Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaaf Al Ahmed and advisor in the Amiri Diwan Mohammad Suleiman Sayed Al.

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## ROYAL COURT

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Sood Al Abdulla Al Sabah yesterday received the Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaaf Al Ahmed, the Minister of Planning Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, the board chairman and director general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij, the Planning Undersecretary Dr Abdul Hodi Al Awadi, the director-general of the Public Authority for Civil Information Faisal Al Shueij and chief of the Farmers Association Ghassan Al Jomhour.

Sheikh Sood also received some Kuwaiti citizens in his public diwan.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Palestinian uprising hailed

UAE newspapers yesterday hailed the Palestinian uprising and deplored the bloody fighting in the Palestinian camps in Lebanon. The Abu Dhabi-based Al Ittihad said Israeli officials finding themselves forced to recognise the six-month-old Palestine uprising and reiterating the words of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat that the war had entered a new phase.

"To read the enemy statements along the past six months one can know what a tremor the uprising had caused on the Zionist enemy ... The uprising in these statements was a children's game and the bloody confrontation was a gush of violence and rage," the paper said.

Al Ittihad went on to say that the enemy leaders realised after six months of fiery battles that the Palestinian uprising was not a game of children but on organised work with a definite programme and a secret commanding leadership.

The paper added that the enemy should expect more confrontation because the Palestinians should reap the fruits of their sacrifices especially after the Arab summit in Algiers last week.

"The Arab leaders granted the stone and Molotov heroes what they need of political and material support, so it is the role of the Palestinian youth to prove that this uprising will continue against the enemy and will not stop until it restores the Palestinian people's rights, notably their right of self-determination and the setting up of their independent state," the paper concluded.

Deploying the tragic camps war in Lebanon between Palestinian brothers, an English language daily said the fresh fighting between the mainstream Fatah and a breakaway group over the past week is not doing any credit to the PLO.

The paper said the Israelis led ruthless massacres of these camps and several Lebanese militias have taken their turn to lay siege and destroy these settlements, causing enormous suffering and bringing death to many men, women and children alike.

The Dubai-based daily said "In such a tragic context, these camps should really be a symbol of Palestinian unity and a place where all Palestinians can move about freely."

The paper criticised this rift in the Palestinian ranks saying this conflict between Palestinian brothers has gone on for too long to serve any useful purpose. The paper also called on the Arab leaders, especially Hafez Al Assad of Syria to do their utmost to discourage this rivalry which is hurting the Palestinian and Arab cause.

"The Palestinians are living through their finest hour, thanks to the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip ... It is a sad distortion therefore to see rival PLO factions having nothing better to do than fight-for control of the ruins of the Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut," the paper concluded.

### Training courses in seafaring

HASAN RAJAB, the general supervisor of the marine heritage revival committee at the Marine Club, has said that the committee was formed in response to directives from HH the Amir which reflected his concern for the revival of the nation's time-honoured marine traditions and heritage.

Rajab said the club was offering special training courses for youths aimed at teaching them seafaring techniques and initiating them into practical

experience. The courses would also act as a way of preserving the legacy of Kuwait's forefathers, who spent most of their lives as seafarers, and of instilling into the minds of the younger generation the sense of oneness and common purpose which characterised the seafaring professions.

He pointed out that the committee was currently preparing for the 2nd Raqqah Marine contest to be held at Failaka next Friday.

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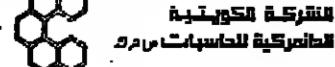
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## KUWAIT ... GULF

### Rifai denies differences among municipal committee members

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohamed Abdul Mohsen Al Rifai in an interview with a local daily was quoted as denying the existence of any major differences among the municipality affairs committee members. He said there was only a disparity in point of views over technical issues.

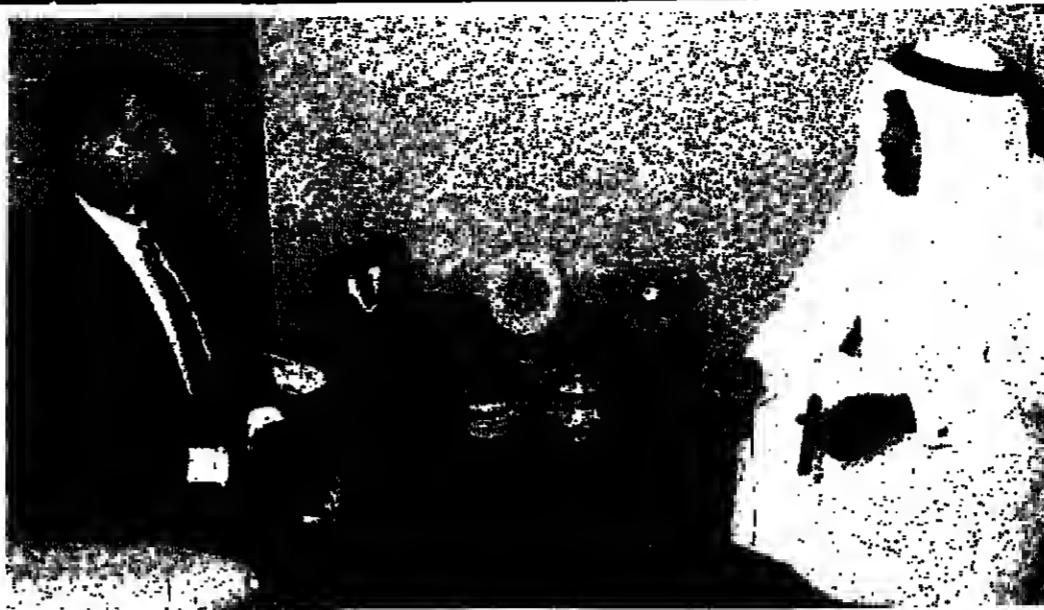
The minister who was talking in his first press interview since he took office after the Kuwaiti ministerial reshuffle, said the municipal bill is still under study and there is a possibility of setting up four municipalities in the country's four governorates.

**Transferred**  
He disclosed the health affairs and shops licenses responsibilities will be transferred to the Ministries of Public Health and

Commerce and Industry. This decision is within the framework of reorganising the tasks of cleaning the layout. Replying to a question, the minister said the expropriation issue as well as the roads design would remain with the municipality.

**Conflict**  
Replies to a question, the minister denied he was a party to the conflict between the trade union of the municipality and its management, adding he had not made any decisions concerning the union's social fund. Instead, he had suggested the formation of a new board comprising representatives from all departments of the municipality, including union's representatives.

In concluding, the minister praised the efforts exerted by the government in solving problems of the municipality and other ministries.



The Editor-in-Chief of Al Seyassah, Ahmed Al Jarallah, received at his office yesterday the Moroccan Ambassador to Kuwait Abdul Wahab Ben Masoud (left). They discussed the resolutions of the Arab extraordinary summit recently held in Algiers.

### Environment meeting

A MEETING of specialists entrusted with the study of the general system of the environment at GCC member states will be held at the general secretariat headquarters tomorrow.

The meeting will review a project presented by Saudi Arabia reflecting the general system of the environment; including points on environmental principles, emergency measures and protection plans envisaged against pollution.

### Osaami meets US envoy

THE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammad Al Osaami yesterday received the United States' Ambassador to Kuwait, Wilson Nathaniel Howell.

The talks between them covered matters of bilateral importance, particularly the latest developments in the Arabian Gulf and the Iran-Iraq war.

### Kuwait's stand hailed

CHAIRMAN of the executive council of autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan area Sirwan Al Jaf hails Kuwait's stand toward Iraq in defence of its national soil.

In statement to a Kuwaiti newspaper published yesterday Jaf said the Iranians have failed to infiltrate both the southern and northern Iraqi areas by virtue of the powerful Iraqi Army and national defense groups.

"Be sure that Arbil and Sulaymaniyah governors are steadfast in the face of the aggressor," he said.

Over the prostration of Iranian revolutionary guards into Kurdistan area through Turkey,

### Higher Planning Council meeting

HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sahab presides today over a meeting for the Higher Planning Council.

The council members are to discuss a number of issues on its agenda and pass recommendations and resolutions.

### Sheraton E.A.M.E. Sales Conference



A Sales Conference took place at the Roma Sheraton from 28th May until 1st June where 120 sales professionals of Sheraton Hotels in Europe, Africa and Middle East participated.

At the end of the conference, a special gala dinner was organised in typical Roman style in appreciation for their efforts and outstanding performance.

Picture shows Mr Sami Zoghbi, executive vice-president, and director of operations for the Middle East together with Glory Jarjoura, director of sales and Nohad Selman, sales manager of the Kuwait Sheraton during the dinner.

### Cairo visit fruitful: Adsani

SECRETARY-GENERAL of the Arab Cities Organisation (ACO) Abdel Aziz Al Adsani yesterday expressed satisfaction over the outcome of the visit he made last week to Cairo, at the invitation of its governor Major General Sabri Abu Taleh.

Al Adsani praised the fruitful results of the talks he held with Egyptian officials, noting that they will yield more cooperation between Egyptian cities and the organisation.

ACO's secretary-general and its director-general Taleb Al Taher returned Saturday night, following a visit to the Egyptian capital June 7 to 10.

Al Adsani said that the ACO delegation was pleased with the many meetings it held there, pointing out the positive and leading role played by Egyptian cities since the establishment of the organisation in 1967.

For his part, Dr Ali Al Tuwejiri, the bureau's director-

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RESIDENTS of Umm Al Haiman reacted with trepidation towards preparations being undertaken by the Public Authority for Housing to demolish a number of Arabic style government houses in the area with iotetios of rebuilding. Residents stated that as the area is in proximity to their jobs, they should be compensated.

A local daily conducted a survey at Umm Al Haiman and held interviews with a number of residents and government officials of the Public Authority for Housing to ascertain first-hand views of both parties.

### Temporary

A resident, Saad Al Azmi employed at the Ministry of Public Health and deputy board chairman of Umm Al Haiman Cooperative Society stated that he lived in the area since 1974 and owned two houses in the area. He had previously applied to the

authorities for accommodation.

The authorities had offered him a house at Al Thabar, but he preferred living at Umm Al Haiman.

He commented, houses previously built were designed as "temporary houses" for specific sector of residents. These, according to him, did not meet current needs. The houses were far too small for families having more than 8 children. Bad sewage causes problems — including leading to cracks and called on officials to remove old houses.

### Modernise

Ahmad Awad, an employee at the Ministry of Interior said he added some more rooms to accommodate his growing family since their occupancy in 1974. The cost was over KD2000/- A number of houses did not have basements and lacked strength as they were temporary arrangements. The area

was full of uncovered sewage, and this was cleared at the expense of the residents be said.

Officials commented the area's present houses were arcane and it was imperative that restorations be undertaken. The authority intends to modernise the area and plans to build newer and better functional residential housing. They added that the area consists of 4,400 government houses with a total of 40,000 residents, 35 per cent being Kuwaitis. They added that renewing the area would cover almost 500 hectares of land.

The director of the rented government houses office at the authority, Ibrahim Al Qonia was chosen as a temporary residential location 15 years ago. These houses, were intended for Kuwaiti residents, who in the meantime, had applied for permanent houses in other areas.

### Gulf educational meet opens

RIYADH, June 13. (KUNA): The executive committee of the educational bureau of the Arab Gulf states began its 24th session here today.

In an inaugural address, Rashid Abdullah, the UAE Education Undersecretary, highlighted the bureau's pioneering role in enhancing cooperation among GCC member states.

During its four-day meeting, the committee is slated to review several educational and cultural issues including a report prepared by a specialised committee on the implementation of previous resolutions adopted by the bureau towards development and unification of syllabuses.

### 128 accepted for MA

THE Higher Studies College in Kuwait University yesterday announced that 128 students have been accepted out of 360 applicants to join the Master of Arts programme for academic year 1988-89.

Assistant dean for students affairs in the college Dr Nuriya Al Awadi told KUNA that 51 of the accepted students are Kuwaitis and 77 are not.

The college has started studying files of all 128 students, Dr Nuriya said and added that cooperation was made with concerned parties to conduct personal interviews with them.

### AI Rashed meetings

STATE Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed received yesterday board chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agricultural and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah and members of the Civil Service Commission, Sultan Al Matar and members of the Shura Council.

Abdul Razzak disclosed that most of the authority's staff were Kuwaiti nationals — including 5002 men and 1552 women.

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You and the Law has been on air for about seven months. "We want to reach out to you — the foreigners, and inform you about the laws of our country," says public relations director Ahmad Al Rajaah.

Al Rajaah said they started the show after realising that many foreigners did not "know the intricacies" of the laws in Kuwait. Their aim was, and will be, to tell people how not to break the law.

#### Conduct

"It is alright for foreigners to consume alcohol in their country; we don't allow it. We wanted to emphasise such differences so that people do not get into trouble in their host country," said Al Rajaah.

Items that would be examined, at a later stage, are



Adel Mohammad Al Hadeeb: reaching out



Mr Ali Al Badry pictured during filming.

on codes of conduct to a Muslim state such as how to dress, prohibition on dancing

in public places; ban on brewing liquor and similar rules. Forthcoming shows will also focus on the drugs — cocaine, hashish and others — ban and how violators will be punished; creating awareness of traffic laws, immigration rules, and any rules pertaining to them, that are introduced by the government.

Sometimes people are asked, on camera, to give suggestions on providing recreation for the young or how to care for children at home and in public places. The show has often been criticised by viewers for being didactic, insulting intelligence and focussing on such trivia as child-care in public places — that are best done by using a little common sense.

The programme's director Adel Mohammad Al Hadeeb, however, promises this would change. "This is an information show, and we will inform foreigners about the laws of our country. We want to devote our shows to answering your (peo-

ple's) queries," said Al Hadeeb.

Queries pour in by the hundreds, and most surprisingly are about immigration laws. The programmers are seeking suggestions on varied subjects.

"We want to diversify our show and talk about other laws as well," said Al Hadeeb.

**Queries**

Pians are afoot to answer queries in native languages, if possible, or interpret them in Tagalog, Urdu, Baogla and other languages.

"There are 126 nationalities in Kuwait; we would like to reach all of them," said Al Hadeeb.

Al Hadeeb, who is an experienced director having

worked in the medium for over six years, first with Kuwait television and then at the ministry, takes his job seriously. Together with Ali Badri, the assistant director, and Ali Noor, its presenter, Al Hadeeb hopes to improve the show.

"We want it to become the sort of show that people would look forward to," he insists, urging viewers to send in suggestions on how to improve the show, asking questions or clarifying rules.

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copies a week as the interest in

that particular title dies down.

Of course, we'll always leave

some copies of a good film in

stock long after the initial

release. We usually release two

or three new films every single

day," he says.

Richard Wu (left) stars as Pu Yi and Ralph Alexander plays the adult role of The Last

Emperor. About 600 copies of the film were made in Kuwait.

are actually studio copies from

the film-makers themselves.

Ironically, Brian is one of the few people who do not mind how bad KTV 2 programmes get. "It's good for business," he laughed. "Whenever there is a really good film, or something special like this week's European Championship, we really notice, our business goes way down that night."

Theo I asked Brian about censorship. "Every film has to go through the Ministry of Information to get permission to be recorded. We send them three copies, they keep one, then make any cuts that are required on the other two, they keep one of those, then send the other back to us as our master copy."

**Blacklist**

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The other aspect of the business which is often misunderstood by outsiders is the blacklist of films from the Israeli Boycott Office. "Roughly 55 per cent of all new video releases are on the blacklist since some of the major film companies are involved with Israel in some way or the other. They include Columbia, RCA, CBS, NBC and Canon. It can be difficult for us to track all of the new developments, since companies get taken over or sold and then go onto the

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## Thought for today

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## OPINION

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THE Iranians should be sympathised with. For nearly eight years, their leaders have been sending them to their deaths. These innocents, following illogical plans and the dictates of their leaders, have sacrificed their lives—sacrifices in exercises of futility.

Unfortunately, for this section of the populace, for every setback suffered by their leaders, thousands more are committed to the battlefield. When for example, Khomeini is frustrated in his designs by Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi leadership, he commits over 100,000 to the cause of his war. Many are killed and those that return are disillusioned. Another typical example is that of Rafsanjani, who, when faced with the pragmatic policies of the Iraqi Defence Minister, Adnan Khairallah, believes committing 50,000 Iranians—mostly students and young men totally untrained in the art of battle—to the battlefield could turn the tide against Iraq. Unfortunately, disaster is the result.

The next course of action is to fire missiles into populated areas of Iraq and Kuwait, or indulge in "cracker type of sabotage acts" within the State of Kuwait.

In its desperation to boost the flagging morale of its people, the Iranian leadership has now taken up to bravado by claiming to take on the US and, at other times, the Russians.

In Rafsanjani's coterie of madmen, the requisites for being a military commander, or senior military strategist are a long beard, a long black cloak, yards of turban and thunderous speeches at Tehran's mosques, attended by chanting people who are pushed and provided by the Iranian security agencies.

In his belief as a commander, the last of Rafsanjani's dreams was an attempt to recapture parts of Iraqi territory—from which the Iranians were recently expelled. His dreams of permanently occupying Iraqi territory have once and for all been totally vanquished.

This state of affairs, at the helm of the present Iranian leadership, have conclusively proved to the populace that the dictates they receive emanate from minds bordering on madness. Authoritative sources, who have managed to flee Iran, unanimously agree that the people of Iran have finally lost all patience with the present leadership, and the writing on the wall is for all to see.

The Iranian people have already paid a very high price for their leaders' madness. But the day is fast approaching when these leaders will pay for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of innocents.

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

### Money begins to talk in China

By Mark O'Neill

NANJING, China. (Reuter): For the first time since the communists came to power in China in 1949 money... and not just power... is talking.

It is early evening and at the lobby of the best hotel in Nanjing, in eastern China, many visitors are waiting impatiently for a taxi.

Gathered at the entrance are an assortment of trishaw cyclers, money changers, peddlars, beggars and taxis eager to go.

"They won't allow us in the hotel," explained one driver. "We are no low class; we are only a private taxi. I will take you for 15 yuan (\$4) — double the proper fare."

The driver may have low social status but he has money, earning 20,000 yuan (\$5,400) last year, 20 times that of the average city resident and about five times more than the hotel porter not letting him enter.

Economic reforms since 1979 have permitted private business for the first time in 30 years. According to official figures there are now 22 million private firms, forming an embryonic middle class.

#### Recognised

China's parliament, the National People's Congress, has legally recognised private business by amending the constitution.

In the past, access to the good things in life—a big flat, hot running water, a car, servants, a television, scarce goods, books and films unavailable in ordinary shops—were reserved for those with power and position.

Senior Communist Party officials still enjoy these privileges but, for the first time, money can buy some of them as well.

This was illustrated in May when one of the first Chinese SPZ shops opened in Nanjing, offering goods not available in other stores at up to double the regular prices.

A queue formed the night before it opened and by the third day it had sold out of refrigerators and top-brand bicycles.

Some people even paid 185 yuan (\$50) for a bottle of Mao Tai, a popular fiery spirit always in short supply.

The taxi driver outside the hotel said he made his money mostly from buying clothes and cigarettes from places near the British colony of Hong Kong and selling them at a good profit in Nanjing.

"The best money comes from selling high-class domestic and foreign cigarettes," he said.

#### Policy

"But I don't keep the money in the bank, because then the state knows exactly how much you have. Who knows when the policy will change and you'll be denounced? I keep it at home in places no-one will find it."

A Peking government official said contempt for business people, a tradition in imperial days continued under the communists, was slowly changing, especially among the young.

"Previously, private businessmen were released prisoners or young people who could get no other job. Now, people are leaving secure jobs to go into business," he said.

There were two responses among party and government officials to the rise of this business class, he said.

"One is to join the race for money by using your position to earn money. The other, common to many old revolutionaries, is to stand aside and not use your connections to make money—at the cost of seeing your living standard fall," he said.

#### Income

"For these people, the new situation is hard to accept. After years of service to the party, their income is a fifth of that of a 23-year-old street trader."

Many private businessmen are affected by this ambivalent attitude to high incomes.

Just as the taxi driver is afraid of keeping his money in a bank, so factory managers who are entitled to big bonuses do not take them for fear of resentment from their workers and society.

Private businessmen face many obstacles, the official China Daily said.

By Graham Earnshaw

TOKYO. (Reuter): Japan is increasingly using its money and its voice in world affairs to support Western objectives, officials and analysts say.

Japanese officials are travelling abroad more frequently, overseas aid is increasing by leaps and bounds and there is a growing perception, in government circles at least, that the rest of the world is more than just a huge market place.

#### Differ

Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita has just finished a long trip to the United States and Western Europe, and on June 19 he will make his summit debut in Toronto. He is expected to make major statements here on Third World debt and foreign aid.

But a more active foreign policy does not necessarily mean a more independent one.

"They are becoming more active, finding new ways to spend

their money all within the context of their relationship with Washington," said one Western diplomat.

A senior Foreign Ministry official, when asked to list foreign policy issues on which Japan and the United States differ significantly, was unable to name even one.

"For Japan, the Western alliance and going together with the Western alliance is the most important," said Tokyo University assistant professor Takashi Inoguchi.

Japan's lack of natural resources makes it imperative that it maintain good relations with all countries. But when Japan has to choose between the Western alliance or other groups, it increasingly chooses the Western alliance.

Since 1973 when oil prices soared, Japan has followed a slightly different policy on the Middle East from that of Washington, one more conciliatory towards the Arab states

## Tokyo's overseas aid is increasing

# Japan active in support of Western objectives

influence over the Japanese government, saying that the unity of the Western alliance is much more important than the independence issue of a small country in the South Pacific," Inoguchi said.

Japan's interests worldwide seem likely to remain almost identical with those of the United States and Western European countries for the foreseeable future.

#### Bankroll

And its wealth gives it the opportunity to, in effect, bankroll the Western alliance in which it plays an increasingly important role.

It is shoudering an ever larger share of US defence costs in East Asia by building up its own defence strength and boosting its financial support for US forces based here.

It is doling out increasing sums of money in aid to poorer countries, largely after advice

with other Western countries.

It is increasing its support for intergovernmental bodies such as the United Nations, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, pouring in more funds and seeking a greater say in their affairs in return.

The government is not happy with this image of Japan as the Western world's banker—it wants to be seen as playing an identical role to that of other major Western nations.

Inoguchi said he saw Japan's role as banker for the Western alliance becoming a prominent feature in the years ahead.

#### Prevent

"Domestic considerations prevent the government from articulating their policies in that manner for the moment, but they are increasingly following that kind of role," he said.

Koichi Haraguchi, the Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general for public information, said there was a rising

recognition that Japan had to make more positive contributions to the world.

"Many people have come to think that simply giving money is not enough," he said.

"We can't offer our blood because we forbid ourselves from engaging in military operations, but we should also in addition to our money offer our toil and sweat for peacekeeping activities," he said.

Japan's aid programme is not as altruistic as it sometimes appears on the surface.

"We want to make a contribution to the peace of the world, but by so doing, that doesn't exclude that it also be of benefit for us," Haraguchi said.

"We are not advocating a saint-like existence for Japan. Sending economic assistance will contribute to political and economic stability and that in turn will make a favourable environment for peaceful commerce relations," he added.

## Kabul scene

# Reality and unreality blur in the dust storm

By Earleen Fisher

KABUL, (AP): When the dust storms come, Kabul vanishes behind a white cloud that grittily obscures all sense of what's real and what isn't.

But when the winds die down, and the dust suspended in the air drifts to the ground, the sun breaks through, and the city of mud brick houses and 2 million people shimmers back into view.

It's a hit like stepping into a magic spell. Kabul has the same sense of reality and unreality struggling with each other until the lines of distinction blur.

The Afghan capital is communist and capitalist at the same time.

#### Helping

The government of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan is one of the Soviet Union's most successful attempts to impose communist rule on a Muslim nation. The only other country where the Kremlin's system of politburos and totalitarianism has found such fertile ground is South Yemen, where the transformation was achieved without the superpower confrontation being waged over Afghanistan.

Priests and nuns still regularly stand, arms linked, in the forefront of demonstrations on activist issues. But Claver believes church radicals have been "marginalised" since Aquino assumed the presidency.

"People have begun to realise that they have to make it work, that it won't be done for them," he says of the idealism fired by the 1986 revolt.

#### Revolution

"This is the real revolution and it will take time. It was unrealistic to expect changes overnight."

Aquino's scheduled Vatican visit for the canonisation of the first Filipino saint was abandoned last October as she struggled through the months of political turmoil that followed the fifth attempted coup of her presidency—a bloody August Army revolt that came close to unseating her.

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British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said: "The challenge is how to encourage change without precipitating chaos." He warned that the West should not appear to be destabilising the communist camp.

The Western policy of trying to deal separately with the East European countries was rewarded last week, when the European Economic Community and the communist trading bloc COMECON initialled a joint declaration to open the way for official relations.

The Soviet Union and East Germany immediately applied individually to the EEC for diplomatic ties, something they refused to do throughout the EEC's 30-year history.

A NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Madrid last week, at

government, Kabul is a capitalist city where US dollars are avidly sought by merchants selling everything from 100-year-old handwoven Afghan carpets to gaudy lace stockings from the sweatshops of the Far East.

Kabul is a city full of life, increasingly, of death.

Teenage girls strive for the latest styles as their tailors stitch government-issue blue cotton into school uniforms patterned on the skirts and jackets shown in European fashion magazines.

The markets bustle with more traditionally clad women wearing the "chadri," and enveloping veil that descends in pleats from a skullcap with only a coarse mesh panel over the eyes to let the wearer see out.

Small boys in pyjama-like tunics and pants turn cartwheels in grassy traffic "circles," dodging sprays of water from tanker trucks that keep the geraniums blossoming.

At night, streets are virtually deserted. The rare motorist is suddenly stopped by an Afghan soldier who emerges from the gloom to wave his rifle and check the traveller's identity. Soviet soldiers, who have started withdrawing from other cities, still surround Kabul in their ring of tanks, armoured personnel carriers and fortified bunkers.

Mujahedeen rockets hit Kabul several times a week, usually at night. Often they land near Afghan and Soviet military posts, but rockets are

shot we've had a long, long time." The last time a Democrat carried her state in a presidential election was 1968.

Republicans have won four of the last five presidential elections, with Jimmy Carter's victory in 1976 the only exception.

While Dukakis leads in nationwide public opinion polls, there is agreement that political fortunes in the five months until the election will be influenced by factors such as selection of a vice presidential running mate, campaign debates and the health of the economy.

Republicans believe that Dukakis' lead is a temporary result of favourable publicity over the past several weeks generated by

## Close presidential race likely

# Dukakis off to a strong start

By David Espo

WASHINGTON, (AP): Democrat Michael Dukakis is off to a strong start in California and other longtime Republican strongholds in his race against Vice President George Bush, although a closely contested presidential election seems likely, according to an Associated Press survey.

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"I think it will be the closest presidential contest we've had since 1976," said Tom Cole, the Republican state chairman in Oklahoma. Oklahoma hasn't voted for a Democrat in a presidential campaign since 1964, but Cole said, "we don't have a candidate with Ronald Reagan's unique popularity. That's not to knock (criticise) George Bush. Nobody else has got that kind of popularity either."

Democratic chairwoman Karen Marchioro of Washington state said: "This is the best

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1497 — Duke of Gandia is murdered, allegedly by Cesare Borgia, who acquires dominant position in papal politics.

1645 — Forces under Oliver Cromwell defeat royalists at Naseby in England.

1800 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Austrians at Battle of Marengo and conquers Italy.

1898 — Anglo-French convention defines boundaries in Nigeria and Gold Coast.

'The greatest enigma in the annals of unsolved crime'

## Caine moves to TV for 'Ripper' series

By Gregory Jenson

LONDON, (UPI) — Michael Caine, a gold watch fob bouncing against his grey waistcoat, climbed from a horse-drawn hansom cab, the other day in pursuit of the infamous killer Jack the Ripper.

"It's very tense, this," Caine said when the camera turned elsewhere. "A really gripping, clever thriller."

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Exactly 100 years ago, in 1888, the butchery of five prostitutes in London's teeming East End grabbed the world's imagination. The vicious 'Ripper' murders became not only the Victorian era's most notorious but remain even today 'the greatest enigma in the annals of unsolved crime.'

Now Caine, in his first television role in 22 years, is in a TV movie which claims to solve the mystery. 'Jack the Ripper,' a costly four-hour miniseries, will be shown in two parts in USA this autumn and as four one-hour installments in Britain about the same time.

One drizzling morning recently, technicians peeled the 20th century off a residential London street. It was, nicely background to closeups of the stars, but a half-dozen horse-drawn carriages replaced towed-away cars and sidewalks bustled with top-hatted, long-gowned stalkers.

"It's the definitive Jack the Ripper because we have a killer," Caine said between shots.

Mind you, I don't know who he is. And I don't wanna know, for two reasons.

Character.

First, my character, Inspector Abberline, didn't know. And second, if anyone finds out they'll blame me.

David Wickett, the version's co-author, producer and director, says he has discovered who the ripper was. But to keep the secret he's shooting four different endings and the 'right' one won't be revealed until the series is shown. Even photographs of the production are banned until then.

There have been dozens of



Michael Caine playing Jack The Ripper:

rippers' 'solutions' in the past.

The sadistic killer has been 'identified' as everyone from Winston Churchill's father, Lord Randolph Churchill, to Queen Victoria's grandson, the Duke of Clarence.

This source brings Michael

Caine back to the small screen after a breathless run of 62 movie roles.

I haven't done TV since 1966," said Caine, 54, waving a cigar. "Not since I played Horatio to Christopher Plummer's Hamlet.

But in the meantime the min-

iseries has become much more

important. It's an ideal way to

tell a long story — and believe me, this one is long. The script

weighs about 5 pounds; it's giving me arms like Arnold Schwarzenegger.

His character, a Scotland

Yard inspector, was among the 80 detectives and hundreds of uniformed police who slaved over the case for months. Caine's presence helps explain why CBS, in an unprecedented deal, paid \$42.5 million sight unseen to screen the series in the United States.

Bizarre

Some scenes are being shot in a bizarre, phantasmagoric

one-time lunatic asylum west of London. Others were filmed in the shabby East End streets where the ripper murders

actually happened and in



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upper-class London — where Inspector Abberline runs down clues.

Caine once fretted that "If you take a TV part, people think it's because you can't get a movie." That certainly hasn't happened with him.

"I start my next movie exactly a week after we finish this," he said. "It's a comedy with Steve Martin."

"I asked the director where we'd be shooting, and he said Cannes, Menton, Antibes, all over the French Riviera, and I said 'well, somebody's got to do the tough locations.'

Caine jokes about everything except acting. Few star actors are more popular with fellow workers like the extras, who at that moment were enduring the drizzle outside, cravats and chapeau feathers drooping in the mist.

"He's a real pro, Michael is," said one, stroking his waxed moustache. "He always knows everybody's moves, not just his own," said a technician. "And there's never a harsh word, always some nice remark."

It may be questioned whether there is anything new to say about Jack the Ripper, a case which has spawned countless articles, library shelves of books which are still appearing, at least six earlier movies. That doesn't bother Caine.

"It was basically the script," he says about his decision to take this TV role. "I read just the first 50 pages and I knew I had to do it."

By Barbara Bright

PARIS, Reuter: A fictional television mini-series now being filmed outside Paris spins a tale of intrigue during World War Two, including the story of Coco Chanel's real-life liaison with a German intelligence officer.

"The Man Who Lived At The Ritz," based on an American novel of the same title, stars French actress-dancer Leslie Caron as the legendary fashion designer, a convent-educated country girl who changed fashion forever by putting women in trousers, suits, costume jewellery and basic black.

In the years between the two world wars, Chanel owned a fashionable mansion in central Paris, but she kept rooms at the Ritz hotel intermittently over a period of 40 years.

And it was at the Ritz, according to her biographers, that Chanel, 57 when the war started, lived with a mysterious German lover, who was 17 years her junior.

In earlier years, Chanel had affairs with the rich English aristocrat the Duke of Westminster, and Russian composer Igor Stravinsky, but she never married.

Caron, now 56, bears an uncanny resemblance to the famous designer, who died in 1971. With her dark hair bobbed short under a straw beret hat, white leather gloves tucked into her pocket, she was wearing a pink plaid two-piece suit copied from Chanel designs when she was interviewed on these.

Caron, who became a star in her first film in 1956 when she played opposite Gene Kelly in the film musical classic, "An American in Paris," has appeared in dozens of films and on the stage.

Playing Chanel, she said in an interview on the television film set, was a role she coveted despite the designer's reputation for bitchiness.

"Meanness has never stopped anybody being attractive," said the actress, adding that she believed Chanel covered up an innate shyness with a facade of brash behaviour.

"She met this officer barely in

TV mini-series reveals Nazi connections

## Skeletons in Coco Chanel's closet



French actress-dancer Leslie Caron stars as the legendary Chanel in "The Man Who Lived At The Ritz" based on an American novel of the same title.

his 40s, and had an affair with him that lasted until long after the war ended. They lived together for a while in Switzerland.

Chanel was apparently secretly in love with him, although she was not considered a Nazi

sympathiser and closed down her shop during the war years.

She closed down her couture shop in 1939, and reopened in 1954 when she was past 70, continued Caron. "I think she went back into the fashion business because she was galled by Christian Dior's success."

The new look that Dior introduced in 1947, with tight waists, full skirts and fitted bodies, was the antithesis of Chanel, who thought simplicity, comfort and discretion were elegance," said Caron.

But French society was slow to forgive her Nazi connection, and the reviews of Chanel's first post-war collection in 1954 were disastrous.

Still, she persevered, and within two years she had re-established her empire.

Chanel, rejected in early years because of her humble background, eventually became the professional who dressed the world's most prominent women. At the end society came to her.

"She was very very pugnacious," said Caron. "She became a queen in fashion and business, she was admired and feared."

Chanel left behind a business empire including perfumes (Chanel No. 5 is the most famous), cosmetics, couture and ready-to-wear fashions and accessories that remains one of the fashion industry's most flourishing.

But a spokeswoman said the Chanel company is opposed to the television project. "We don't want to be associated with this film. We are completely against it," she said, declining to say why.

And despite the name in the title, the famous Ritz hotel does not serve as backdrop for the thriller.

Instead, scenes for the estimated seven million dollar production are being filmed at Paris restaurants, at a chateau that once belonged to the Rothschild banking family, and at the Versailles stables, where the arches resemble the facade of the Ritz.

"I think the Ritz didn't want Nazi flags put outside for the filming," said one member of the cast.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦K73 ♦AQ6 ♦AQ1063 ♦A8

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass

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What do you bid now?

A.—Partner's bid is a one-round force (no one can know that the hand will make exactly nine tricks at spades, but not eight at no trump), and usually promises at least a six-card suit.

Your hand has become golden-prime controls in every suit, a ruffing value and three trumps to a high trump honor.

Trumpet your slam interest with a four-club cue-bid.

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K1065 ♦95 ♦J97542 ♦6

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

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What action do you take?

A.—Since partner is showing a balanced hand of 11-12 points, you certainly want to be in game. However, don't bid four hearts—you have already told partner you have a six-card suit. With your balanced hand and bonus in every suit, nine tricks might be easier than 10. Raise to three no trump.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦T63 ♦KQ982 ♦Q76 ♦83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—While partner's bid is not forcing, you should tend to pass only if you have a dead minimum for your first bid. You have nothing to be ashamed about here, so we suggest you venture one no trump.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦T63 ♦KQ982 ♦Q76 ♦83

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

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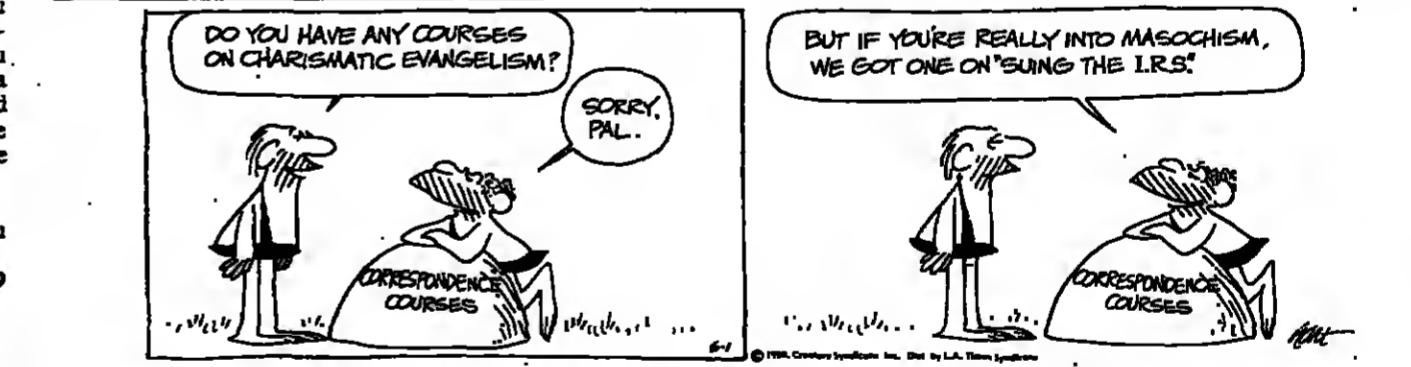
What action do you take?

A.—It's the same hand and almost the same situation, except this time you are a passed hand. If partner has substantial values, he will strive to find a bid that cannot be passed.

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

This is going to be an interesting and significant day for you. You should leave yourself with sufficient time to reflect upon what you are doing. Make sure you keep your emotions under control. Be reliable.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will not allow your extravagant tastes to get the better of you. You will have more energy but you must not dissipate it. Make sure you do not get out of step with your colleagues. Be generous.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Mercury's influence combined with that of Venus will help you to make the right decisions. You should try to use forcefulness where gentle persuasion has failed.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You should beware of exaggerations and all kinds of excesses. You will have some doubts but you should not let them get the better of you. A little bit of good luck will not be enough to make up for hard work. Be tolerant.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be able to make good and rapid progress. You should allow your personal life to take precedence for the present. Make sure you do not appear to be ungrateful. Be sincere.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

This is going to be a hectic and rather tiring day for you. Better to be more slow and thorough than to have to go back over something done quickly but superficially.



**Dear Junior Readers,**

UNLESS you are a naturally tidy person, you are probably often reminded by your parents to keep your room tidy and to clear up your things from other rooms in the house.

Perhaps you sometimes wonder why mums and dads seem so concerned about this. It certainly looks nicer when everything is put in order, but that is not the only reason. Tidiness saves time and trouble; just think how much easier it makes finding something when you know exactly where you put it and do not need to rummage through drawers, cupboards and pockets to get what it is you are looking for! Being tidy also helps you to be responsible for your things and shows others that you care. Imagine how you would feel if a friend returned book he or she had borrowed, with the pages crumpled and coffee stains on the cover. Worse still, what if your friend did not even return the book because he or she could not find it?

Remember that we should be tidy outside the home too. Streets, beaches, parks and gardens are spoiled by careless, untidy people who are not bothered where they throw their rubbish. That shows that they do not care for our world or the other people in it, which is, of course, selfish.

Show that you care — wherever you are.

Auntie Jayne.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Ashraf Kamal Khatib on passing the final Secondary School Certificate exam with an excellent 98.4 per cent. Best wishes from your family and friends.

**Word jungle**

Hidden within this maze of letters are the names of fifteen animals. You can go in any direction to complete a name. Tick them as you find them.



PENGUINS      PELICANS      LEOPARDS  
ELEPHANTS      PANDAS      VULTURES  
OSTRICHES      ZEBRAS      BEAVERS  
LIONS      KANGAROOS      BATS  
DOGS      DUCKS      GIRAFFES

**Food facts**

THE first biscuits had to be cooked twice to prevent them from going stale. The word 'biscuit' comes from the two French words 'bis cuire' which means 'twice cooked'.

The sandwich earned its name from Lord Sandwich, an 18th-century gambler who would not get up from the gaming table to eat, so ordered bread and beef to sustain him. Since then, the sandwich has become one of the most popular and varied types of food.

Potato crisps were first invented by a man whose name was, appropriately, George Crum. He was in fact a Red Indian chief.

Coffee was first drunk in Arabia where it was called 'bun'. It was only in the sixteenth century that coffee began to be drunk for pleasure, before then it was used as medicine.

The first chocolate did not appear in Europe until the beginning of the sixteenth century and then it was only served as a drink.

You may think that the Frankfurter sausage, often put into hot dogs, first came from Germany, but in fact it was invented in China.

Solution to Thursday's Word search.

Track, heart, actor, rocket, wreck, choke, throw, wreath, east, water, earth, other, teach, crack, ear, crow, wheat, math, creek, watch, weak, cork, cheat, week, check.

Did you find any more?

(Continued from Thursday)

'Jean Labadie,' she cried to him, 'you should be ashamed of yourself, letting that fierce dog run loose in the village.'

'But my dog is chained up in the yard at home,' said Jean.

'So Andre Drouillard told me,' said Madame, 'but he has broken loose. He is running along listless, one paw this way and another paw that way, with the broken chain dragging in the dust. He growled at me and bared his fangs. It's a lucky thing his chain caught on a bush or I would not be talking to you now.'

Jean sighed.

'Perhaps I should get rid of my big black dog,' he said. 'Tomorrow I will take him back to the Indians.'

So next day Jean hitched his horse to the cart and waited until he saw Andre Drouillard at work in his garden. Then he whistled loudly toward the yard, made a great show of helping his dog climb up between the wheels and drove past Andre's house with one arm curved out in a bow, as if it were around the dog's neck.

'Au revoir,' he called. Then he looked at the empty half of the seat. 'Bark good-bye to Andre Drouillard, fellow, for you are leaving here forever.'

Jean drove out to the

**Jean Labadie's big black dog**

Indian village and spent the day with his friends, eating and talking. It seemed a bad waste of time when there was so much to be done on the farm, but on the other hand, it was worth idling all day in order to end the big black dog matter.

Dusk was falling as he rounded the curve near his home. He saw the shadowy figure of Andre Drouillard waiting for him near his gate. A feeling of foreboding came over Jean.

**News**

'What is it?' he asked his neighbour. 'Do you have some bad news for me?'

'It's about your big black dog,' said Andre. 'He has come back home. Indeed he beat you by an hour. It was that long ago I saw him running down the road to your house with his big red tongue hanging out of his mouth and lifting one paw this way and another paw that way.'

Jean was filled with rage. For a twist of tobacco, he would have struck Andre with his horsewhip.

'Andre Drouillard,' he shouted, 'you are a liar! I just left the big black dog with the Indians. They have tied him up.'

Andre sneered.

'A liar, am I? We shall

see who is the liar. Wait until the others see your big black dog running around again.'

So Jean might as well have accused Andre of being a chicken thief in the first place, for now they were enemies anyway. And he certainly might as well have stayed home and fixed his roof.

Things turned out as his neighbour had hinted. Madame Villeneuve saw the big black dog running behind her house. Henri Dupuis saw him running around the corner of the store. Delphine Langlois even saw him running through the graveyard among the tombstones. And always as he ran along, he lifted one paw this way and another paw that way.

There came that day when Jean Labadie left his neighbour chopping wood all by himself, because they were no longer friends, and drove into the village to have his black mare shod. While he was sitting in front of the blacksmith shop, Andre Drouillard came galloping up at a great speed. He could scarcely hold the reins, for one hand was cut and bleeding.

A crowd quickly gathered.

'What is wrong, Andre?

Drouillard?' he asked.

'Have you cut yourself? Where is Dr Brisson? Someone fetch Dr Brisson.'

Andre Drouillard pointed his bleeding hand at Jean Labadie.

'His big black dog bit me,' he accused. 'Without warning, he jumped the fence as soon as Jean drove away and sank his teeth into my hand.'

There was a gash of horror from every throat. Jean Lahadie reddened. He walked over to Andre and stared at the wound.

'It looks like an axe cut to me,' he said.

Then everyone grew angry at Jean Labadie and his big black dog. They threatened to drive them both out of the parish.

'My friends,' said Jean wearily, 'I think it is time for this matter to be ended. The truth of it is that I have no big black dog. I never had a big black dog. It was all a joke.'

'Aha!' cried Andre. 'Now he is trying to crawl out of the flame. He says he has no big black dog. Yet I have seen in with my own eyes, running around and lifting one paw this way and another paw that way.'

'I have seen it, too,' cried Madame Villeneuve. 'It

ran up and growled at me.'

'And I.'

'And I.'

Jean Labadie bowed his head.

'All right, my friends,' he said. 'There is nothing more I can do about it. I guess that big black dog will eat me out of house and home for the rest of my life.'

'You mean you won't make things right about this hand?' demanded Andre Drouillard.

'What do you want me to do?' asked Jean.

'I will be laid up for a week at least,' said Andre Drouillard, 'and right at harvest time. Then, too, there may be a bar. But for two of your plumpest pullets, I am willing to be friends again.'

'That is fair,' cried Henri Dupuis.

'It is just,' cried the blacksmith.

'A generous proposal,' agreed everyone.

**Witnesses**

'And now we will return to my farm,' said Jean Labadie, 'and I will give Andre two of my pullets. But all of you must come. I want witnesses.'

A crowd trooped down the road to watch the transaction. It was almost as large as the one that had attended Tante Odette's skunk party.

After Jean had given his

neighbour two of his best pullets, he commanded the crowd. 'Wait!'

He went into the house. When he returned, he was carrying his gun.

'I want witnesses,' explained Jean, 'because I am going to shoot my big black dog. I want everyone to see this happen.'

The crowd murmured and surged. Jean gave a long low whistle toward the henhouse.

'Here comes my big black dog,' he pointed.

'You can see how he runs to me with his big red tongue hanging out and lifting one paw this way and another paw that way.'

Everyone saw the big black dog.

Jean Labadie lifted his gun to his shoulder, pointed it at nothing and pulled the trigger. There was a deafening roar and the gun kicked Jean to the ground. He arose and brushed off his blouse. Madame Villeneuve screamed and Delphine Langlois fainted.

'There,' said Jean, brushing away a tear, 'it is done. That is the end of my big black dog. Isn't that true?'

And everyone agreed that the dog was gone for good.

So remember this, my friends: If you must make up a big black dog, do not allow others to help or you may find that you are no longer the dog's master.

**Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS**

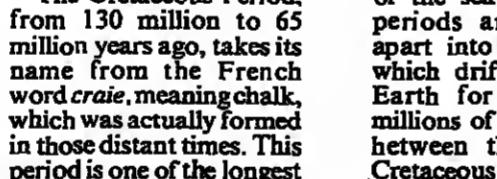
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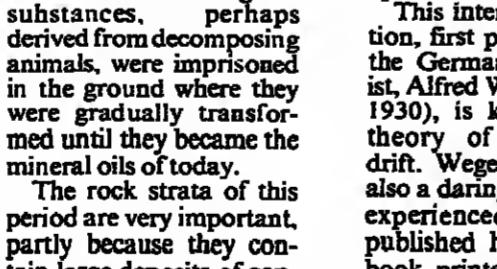
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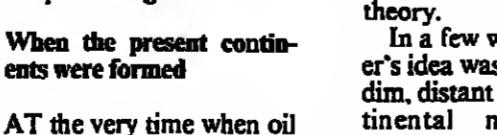
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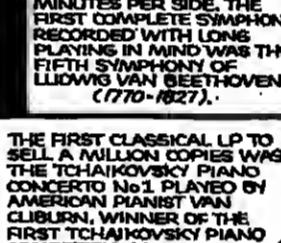
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...but if I haven't got one and you haven't got one, somebody else has at least four!

**Menu**

NAWPR KACCTILO

TROSA EBFE

HIRROKYES DIPGUND

BAGBACE

TOOPSATE

ITRUF DALAS

SHECEE

FECFOE

PEPE

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

*Holy Cross*

Delegates forecast compromise rollover

## OPEC will reach agreement on output quotas: Nazer

VIENNA, June 13. (Reuters) Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer said today that OPEC, deeply divided in efforts to assign members' output quotas, would definitely reach an accord tomorrow fixing the organisation's oil production for the rest of 1988.

"There is definitely going to be an agreement tomorrow," Nazer told reporters who had asked if an OPEC conference, now in its third day, would soon agree on output quotas needed to defend prices in the present glut.

### Forecast

Senior delegates forecast a compromise rollover of an existing agreement which assigns quotas to 12 of the 13 members within an overall ceiling of 15.06 million barrels daily.

Founder-member Iraq has refused to join the pact because it is not given a quota as big as that

of its Gulf war rival, Iran.

Prices dropped sharply on world oil markets today as traders judged that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries would achieve nothing more solid than a rollover of its current agreement.

Delegates said OPEC was broadly united in wanting to boost prices to a target of \$18 a barrel—today prices in the open market were below \$16—but that the organisation was deeply divided over how to go about it.

Eight members generally support trimming output. But the Arab Gulf states forecast rising oil consumption in the West this winter and want production levels to be increased, arguing that tighter curbs would risk forcing prices too high.

Ministers were putting the final touches to a deal today in private bilateral consultations.

Industry sources pointed out

the compromise could involve a pledge to review output after three months, delegates said.

The fragile unity of OPEC looked shakier than ever after UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba unexpectedly left the conference yesterday rejecting the quota assigned to his country as "meaningless".

He left his deputy behind who is expected to sign the next pact.

He said the UAE had suffered by accepting existing production limits.

### Prospect

The price of North Sea oil for July delivery fell 45 cents to \$15.50 a barrel from Friday's London closing levels when the market opened today on the prospect that OPEC would merely extend its present production agreement.

Historically



Hisham Nazer

Iraq has historically been a smaller exporter and has a smaller population, but says the war makes it a special case.

Market analysts said a rollover of the existing agreement would be likely to depress prices.

Mehdi Varzi of London stockbrokers Kleinwort Grieveson forecast North Sea Brent crude, a

world benchmark, slipping to \$15.

But prices at the petrol pump were not likely to fall as quickly.

Lukman, re-elected to a fifth term on Saturday as OPEC president, said of the UAE minister's abrupt departure: "Nobody walked out of the meeting."

But delegates said the UAE had been sharply criticised for exceeding its mandated output quota—"it's a blatant violation," one minister said privately.

### Dogged

Political divisions over the nearly eight-year-old Gulf war have dogged the OPEC talks.

On the opening day, two Iranian speedboats ambushed a British-flagged tanker just off Saudi Arabia's coast and delegates saw the attack as a signal of Iranian displeasure with Saudi oil policy.

## Sheikh Ali to discuss BP stake in London

BASLE, Switzerland, June 13. (Reuters) Central bankers said today the world economy was in better health than expected after last year's crash in the financial markets but it still faced major dangers.

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) drew attention in an annual report to renewed signs of higher inflation and rising interest rates and also to the Third World debt crisis, while noting that global trade imbalances still persisted.

### Imbalances

Wim Duisenberg, the president of the BIS, which acts as a central banker to national central banks, meanwhile told its annual meeting that governments had to do more to correct those imbalances.

A text of his address showed that Duisenberg, governor of the Dutch Central Bank, also stressed the risk of inflation.

"After having been dampened by the stock market crash, they (inflationary expectations) have recently resurfaced, particularly in the United States in connection with the combined strength of domestic and export demand."

The BIS report praised monetary authorities for the way they dealt with the October crash, which sent shares down by between one-third and one-half from 1987 peaks.

Duisenberg said a feature of the crash was that it had been restricted to financial markets.

"There appears to have been no significant impact on economic activity," he said.

He noted that in the first three months of 1988, financial markets had been relatively calm, but recent rises in interest rates in the United States, West Germany and Japan showed signs of resuming unrest.

He also said that, barring a US recession which would depress US demand for imports, "the rest of the world will have to finance sizeable US current account deficits for some time to come."

### Summarised

In his speech, which largely summarised the BIS annual report, Duisenberg said future developments largely depended on the way markets believed that governments and central banks were handling the economic situation.

Central banks had intervened recently in foreign exchange markets but "nobody thinks that intervention alone can stabilise the dollar."

Duisenberg commented on Japan for stimulus measures for goods by its fiscal policies but he had less praise for West Germany, Western Europe's most important economy.

"Germany's fiscal policy, too,

has moved in the same direction... although not as far as some, both in Germany and elsewhere, would like," he said.

### Action

The Bonn government has persistently rejected demands to stimulate sluggish growth by bringing forward to next year a round of tax cuts scheduled for 1990.

Duisenberg also called for fur-

ther action in the United States to help reduce the federal budget deficit.

On the debt crisis, he said major debtors were reducing their current account deficits and there had been initiatives to reduce their debts. But there was no sign they were regaining access to new money through the financial markets.

"All in all, and despite the

progress that has been made... the debt situation remains a major problem," Duisenberg said.

Echoing recent calls from the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Duisenberg called on newly industrialised countries in Asia to play a role in reducing international trade imbalances.

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## 64 pc Saudi exports went to GCC states

RIYADH, June 13. (OPECNA) In 1987, Saudi Arabia exported goods worth \$560.75 million—more than 64 percent of its total exports—to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the UAE.

The kingdom's imports from the five GCC states came to \$774.36 million, a drop of six per cent over 1986.

The UAE is Saudi Arabia's biggest trade partner among GCC states. Nearly 50 percent of Saudi imports from the UAE. Against exports of \$279.55 million to the federation, the Kingdom's imports were valued at \$65.82 million.

## EEC proposes farm-support freeze to cut trade tension

GENEVA, June 13. (Reuters) The European Economic Community (EEC) proposed yesterday that major farm producer states freeze their agricultural support programmes, which have distorted world markets and created enormous trade hostility.

It proposed that the producers agree to this as a short-term measure starting no later than the first half of 1989, while trade negotiators thrash out more substantive action to tackle market imbalances.

### Overhaul

The EEC made the proposal to the agriculture group of the 105-nation Uruguay round of negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

and the European Economic Community, have subsidised farmers by guaranteeing them prices often above world levels, and buying surplus products which they often then dump on world markets at reduced levels.

This has led to retaliatory export promotion programmes, and helped stimulate current negotiations to reduce such market distortions.

## World Business Summary

### Health bill would increase income tax for elders

WASHINGTON, June 13. (AP) The catastrophic-care bill awaiting President Ronald Reagan's signature will mean the biggest expansion of a federal health programme in a quarter-century but also carries a less-welcome surprise for millions of elderly Americans: a big income tax increase. For many medicare recipients, the increase would more than wipe out the gain won when the tax system was overhauled in 1986. The tax increase would start being phased in for 1989 income for anyone who is eligible for medicare. It would pay for about two-thirds of the cost of protecting medicare recipients against catastrophic hospital, physician and drug expenses: the programme would cost an estimated \$3 billion over the next five years alone. The remainder of the cost would be covered by raising the monthly premium paid by recipients for doctors' services. Thus, those who benefit from the expanded programme would pay the entire cost—at least for the near future. "We have not asked our children to pay the medical bills that we incur," said U.S. representative J.J. Pickle. "These benefits will be paid for by the men and women who will use the coverage."

### UK North Sea contract awarded to Dallas company

DALLAS, Texas, June 13. (AP) Halliburton Co.'s Marine Engineering and Construction Business, a joint venture company half-owned by United Kingdom-based Brown and Root Ltd., has been awarded the largest single contract for development in the British sector of the North Sea, the company announced. The \$180 million contract awarded to Highlands Fabricators Ltd., also half-owned by George Wimpey PLC, calls for the business to develop three offshore production platforms in sole pit gas field in the southern sector of the North Sea for Shell UK exploration and production. The project will begin in September and is scheduled for completion in 1990, company officials said on Thursday. The contract includes the design, materials procurement, fabrication, load-out, installation, hook-up and pre-commissioning of three platforms. Brown and Root Vickers Ltd., a subsidiary of Dallas-based Halliburton's Brown and Root (UK) Ltd., will provide design engineering and project management support for the project.

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1988

## London

LONDON STOCKS

LONDON			
(LONDON STOCKS)			
NAME	LAST	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	330/6	LEGAL+GEN	293.0
ADT LTD	124.0	LORRHO	242.0
ALD LYONS	415.0	LUCAS IND	538.0
ANSTRAD	202.0	MAGNET	247.0
ARGYLL GP	192.4	MARSH+SP	171.0
ASDA GP	154.0	MAXWELL C	227.0
BAA	282.4	METAL BOX	213.0
BTR	264.0	MEPC	552.0
BAT IND	440.0	MICOLAN BK	425.0
BARCLAYS	412.0	MENT	267.0
BASS	808.0	NTN FOODS	294.0
BEAVER	177.0	P & O OFO	584.0
BEECHAMS	465.0	PEARL	530.0
BERISFORD	338.0	PEARSON	695.0
BICC PLC	320.0	PILKINGTON	212.0
BLUE ARR	15.75	PLESSY	154.0
BLUE CIRC	422.0	PRUDENTIAL	163.0
BOL GP	394.0	RACAL	312.0
BOOTS CO	226.0	RANK HVIS	372.0
BPE IND	288.0	RANK ORG	179.0
BR COMM	257.0	RCKITTY+CO	881.0
BR AIRWAY	145.0	REDLAND	410.0
BR AEROSP	393.0	REED	405.0
BR GAS RG	176.0	RTL BK SC	65.0
B.P.	268.0	RMC GRP	489.0
B.P. NEW	69.0	REUTERS	517.0
BR TELCO	240.0	RTZ CORP	434.0
BR TOIL	538.0	ROLLS ROYCE	124.0
SUNZL	144.0	ARMSTRONG	138.0
SURNHOL	558.0	ASHLEY LA	125.0
BURTON	228.0	ROYAL IHS	415.0
CABLE&WIR	356.0	ATTWOODS	313.0
CABDURTS	410.0	AUST REED	383.0
COATS VIT	229.0	SAATCHI	407.0
SCOT-NEW	314.0	SAINSBUR	220.0
CONN UNI	395.0	SEARS	118.0
CON GOLD	060.0	SAILOR	205.0
COOKSONS	258.0	SALKIN	205.0
COURTAULD	338.0	SHILL	070.0
DALGETY	325.0	SMITH IND	241.0
CEE CP	188.0	SMITH+NEPH	116.0
DIXONS	83.00	STC	275.0
ENG CHINA	433.0	SURESH	970.0
FKI BABCK	127.0	TARMAC	242.0
FERRANTI	78.0	TATE&LEYLE	820.0
GEM ACCIO	940.0	TESCO	148.0
GEM ELEC	146.0	THORN ENI	655.0
GLAZO	952.0	TRAF HSE	315.0
GRANADA	328.0	THURSO OL	401.0
GLOBE	136.0	TSB	105.0
GYMNED	440.0	TK OF SCO	383.0
HAKSON	136.0	TRUSTM	243.0
HAKER SIO	498.0	TRUSTM	78.0
HILLSDOWN	278.0	TRUSTM	250.0
ICI	027.0	WIMPEY GE	250.0
INI	193.0	WOOLWORTH	294.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DATS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1458.3	1468.2	1463.7	1386.7
FT 500 SHR	0	1037.8	1037.8	984.4
FT ALL 500	55.97	955.97	951.87	895.75
FT GOV SEC	89.89	89.89	89.80	91.03
FT GOLD MN	228.6	228.6	228.5	237.3
FT MINES F	551.65	551.65	533.86	432.96
FT OIL	1871.1	1871.1	1854.6	1768.7
FT WLD OL	132.15	132.04	131.19	128.44
FT WLD STG	107.82	107.85	106.99	101.83
FT WLD LOC	116.05	116.10	115.34	112.29
				99.08

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS AT LOWS IN SLACK AFTERNOON BUSINESS  
LONDON, JUNE 13, REUTER - SHARES WERE TRADING AT THEIR LOWS FOLLOWING A MAJOR WALL STREET OPENING IN WHAT DEALERS DESCRIBED AS THE SLOWEST TRADING FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

TURNOVER BY 1400 GMT WAS 217.2 MILLION SHARES AGAINST LAST WEEK'S TOTAL DAILY AVERAGE OF JUST UNDER 400 MILLION SHARES. ONE TRADER SAID "THE MARKET'S JUST FALLEN ASLEEP AHEAD OF TOMORROW'S U.S. (APRIL) TRADE FIGURES."

BT 1427 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS DOWN 13.5 TO 1,836, HAVING DRIFTED AS MARKET MAKERS TRIED TO coax BUYERS BACK IN. "THERE WAS NO WAY THE MARKET WANTED TO PUSH FTSE THROUGH 1,850 WITH THE TRADE FIGURES DATA LOOKING," A DEALER OBSERVED.

THE FTSE 100 INDEX STRUGGLED TO WITHIN 0.2 OF A POINT OF 1850 BT LAST FRIDAY'S CLOSING. BUT THIS MORNING, FOLLOWING A LATE SLIP ON WALL STREET LAST FRIDAY, IT BEGAN TO DIP BACK.

DEALERS SAID THE FTSE 100 HAS BEEN TESTING THE TOP END OF ITS RECENT TRADING RANGE AND THIS MORNING WAS NOT FAR FROM ITS HIGHEST LEVELS SINCE THE OCTOBER, 1987 CRASH. THE POST CRASH CLOSING HIGH OF 1,855.5 HAS BEEN REACHED ON MARCH 18.

ANALYSTS PREDICT THE U.S. TRADE FIGURES WILL SHOW A DEFICIT

IN APRIL OF BETWEEN 12 AND 13 BILLION DLRS AFTER A REVISED 11.95

BILLION DLR SHORTFALL IN MARCH, AND COULD HAVE A DRAMATIC IMPACT

ON WALL STREET AND U.K. SHARES.

## London Gold

LONDON, JUNE 13, REUTER - GOLD BULLION HAD AN AFTERNOON FIX OF 449.00 DLRS AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM ITS EARLIER SETTING OF 450.50 DLRS AN OUNCE AND SHARPLY BELOW FRIDAY'S CLOSING RANGE OF 456.00/456.50.

DEALERS SAID, HOWEVER, REASONABLE SUPPORT WAS EVIDENT AROUND THE LOW OF 448.00 DLRS WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE A SHORT-TERM BASE FOR THE METAL. THE DECLINE HAD STARTED IN NEW YORK ON FRIDAY, INSPIRED BY EASIER COMMODITY AND OIL PRICES.

GOLD OPENED AT 451.10/451.60 DLRS IN LONDON AND GRADUALLY EXTENDED LOSSES IN FAIRLY THIN CONDITIONS AHEAD OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF U.S. APRIL TRADE DATA ON TUESDAY.

## London Money Market

LONDON, JUNE 13, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES REMAINED MOSTLY 1/8 POINT EASIER TOWARD THE CLOSE AS STERLING KEPT ITS FIRMER TONE AROUND 3.14 MARKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

STERLING HAS GAINED OVER 1.5 MARKS SINCE FRIDAY AS BULLISH PRESS COMMENT ON THE U.K. ECONOMY OVER THE WEEKEND COMBINED WITH THE INCREASED INTEREST DIFFERENTIALS RECENT BASE RATE RISES HAVE GIVEN THE CURRENCY, DEALERS SAID.

THEY ARE NOW WAITING TO SEE WHAT EFFECT TOMORROW'S U.S. APRIL TRADE FIGURES HAVE. SOME THINK A LARGER THAN EXPECTED DEFICIT COULD FAVOUR STERLING BUT MOST THINK THE CURRENCY WILL HAVE TO RISE FAR AND FAST TO CAUSE A CUT IN RATES.

## Foreign Exchange

OLR	STG	DMK	FFR
1.8210/20	1.7250/55	5.8260/90	0PG
-----	3.1405/45	10.6095/6225	NOON
DKH 1.7201/7281	3.134/148	29.52/68	FIX
FFF 5.8195/8315	10.605/623	337.57/8.21	-----
SFR 1.4433/4443	2.6291/6324	83.68/78	24.76/79
HFL 1.9360	3.5260	112.27	33.235
ECU 1.20494	.661508	2.07852	7.02117
SDR 1.36430	0.75010	2.34387	7.91635
YEH 125.10/20	227.93/228.24	-----	NOON
SDR RATE	10/06/88	OTHERS	13/06/1988

BR LAND	338.0	337.0	337.0
BR VITA	215.0	215.0	215.0
BRAMMER	245.0	245.0	245.0
BRENT CHE	145.0	145.0	145.0
BRENT MOR	409.0	410.0	410.0
BRIDON	180.0	180.0	180.0
HOLLIS	115.0	117.0	117.0
HICKINSON	110.0	110.0	110.0
BRUNNER	107.0	106.0	106.0
BSB INTL	71.0	72.0	72.0
BULMER INTL	181.0	182.0	182.0
CALOR GRP	379.0	378.0	378.0
CAMB ELEC	255.0	256.0	256.0
CAMB INST	51.0	51.0	51.0
CANFOR E	199.0	198.0	198.0
CANNING INTL	201.0	200.0	200.0
CANNON ST	285.0	285.0	285.0
CAP RDF	300.0	301.0	301.0
CARLO EN	155.0	155.0	155.0
CARLESS C	125.0	127.0	127.0
CARTON C	79.0	78.0	78.0
CASE GRP	93.0	93.0	93.0
CATER ALL	390.0	395.0	395.0
CEHTL ITV	549.0	548.0	548.0
CHALMERS	20.0	20.0	20.0
CHARTERMA	118.0	118.0	118.0
CHAS CHUR	118.0	118.0	118.0
CHATNER C	345.0	346.0	346.0
CHI-FIT	117.0	118.0	118.0
CHLORIDES	49.0	49.0	49.0
CHUNG	333.0	333.0	333.0
CHRISTIES	543.0	543.0	543.0
CI GROUP	47.0	48.0	48.0
CLYDE PET	161.0	161.0	161.0
CHTRL SEC	53.0	54.0	

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1988

## International Bond Highlights

**London**—Belgium is issuing a 250 mln dr Eurobond due July 10, 1998, paying 9-5/8 pct and priced at 101-1/8 pct. Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said as lead manager. (RTUJ 1347)

**Frankfurt**—The Hungarian National Bank is issuing a 200 mln mark six-year Eurobond with a 6-1/4 and priced at 101-1/4, lead manager Deutsche Bank AG said. (RTVJ 0911)

**London**—Societe Nationale Des Chemins de Fer Francais (SNCF) is issuing a 150 mln dr Eurobond due July 20, 1998, paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct. Banque Paribas Capital Markets Ltd said as lead manager. (RTZG 1110)

**London**—Mitsubishi Petrochemical Co Ltd is issuing a 200 mln dr equity warrant Eurobond due July 7, 1993, paying an indicated 4-1/4 pct and priced at par. Nikko Securities Co (Europe) Ltd said as lead manager. (RTZH 1123) In Amsterdam, lead manager Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank said the company is also launching 150 mln guilders of five-year equity warrant Eurobonds. (RTVH 0851)

**Frankfurt**—The US industrial, consumer and electronics firm Emhart Corp is issuing a 175 mln mark five-year Eurobond with a 5-1/2 pct coupon priced at 100-1/4, lead manager Berliner Handels- Und Frankfurter Bank (BHF) said. (RTUW 0813)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
DNM SEVEN 6-3/4	7-1/2 5-7/8	8-7/16 5/16	
FIFTY 3.45/55	3.40/50	3.60/70	
PAR 6-7/8 15/16	7-1/2 3/16	7-1/4 3/8	
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	2-5/8 2-7/8	2-3/4 3	
BFR 4.65	5-15/16 16/16	6-1/16 16/16	
RON 9-7/8 10-3/8	10-7/8 11-3/8	11-11-1/2	
AMS 3-1/2 4-0/0	3-7/8 3-15/16	4-1/16 4-1/8	
TOK 3.3125 3750	3.8750 9375	3.9375 4.0000	
ECU 5.25 5.50	5.68 5.81	6.00 6.12	

## Interest Rates

**FOLLOWING** are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6 1/4	6 11/16
3 months	6 1/4	6 11/16
6 months	6 1/4	6 11/16
1 year	6 3/4	6 1/4

## BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	64	62	63	NICO	580	580	600
ACC	203	199.50	GRASIM	98.30	96	99	NOCIL	457.50	470	480
ASIA PAINT	160	161.25	GSFC	126	125	127	ORRAY	45.50	44	46
BAJAJ AUTO	217.50	217.50	MIND LEVER	69	68.50	69	PEICO	32.50	32	33
BAL. RAYON	230	227.50	HINDALCO	87	86.50	87	PFIZER	65	66	67
BOM. DYEING	143.50	144	HINDOOCA	86.25	87.50	90	PRE-AUTO	35	35	36.50
BR. BOND	90	88	HINDOTOR	23.50	24.50	23.75	RAYMOND	50	49	50
BSE INDEX	613.95	601.13	IND ORG	23.50	23	24	RELIANCE	211	223.50	226.50
CENTURYSP	822.50	820	810	INDRAYON	68	69	71	SIEGENS	69	67
COLGATE	208.75	210	217.50	INDROL	185	185	191.50	SPIC	52.50	51.25
ESKEPFAERT	39	39.50	40	ITC	43	41	43	STDMILLS	240	230
EL. HOTEL	51	51	50.50	JKSYTH	68	69.50	70	TATA PAR	237.50	240
ESKAYE	165	170	165	L A T	94	94.50	95	50 TATACHEM	72	72
ESSAR	22.50	22.50	23	MAHINDRA	59	58	57.50	TESCO	645	642.50
GAR. POLY	82	80.50	81	HASTHER	11.67	11.37	11.62	TISCO	862.50	870
GE. SHIP	29.50	29.50	30	HATHER PL	72.50	--	--	VOLATAS	287.50	282.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	207.5	208.0
ALLIANZ VR	1400.1	1417.0
BAUDENMERK	183.0	182.5
BAASF	259.5	258.5
BAYER	287.5	286.7
BAYER HYP	339.0	342.0
BAYER VER	328.0	328.0
BBC	304.0	309.0
BHF	400.0	387.0
BW	529.0	527.0
COMMERZBK	222.2	222.5
CONTI GUMM	249.5	250.5
DAIMER BEN.	646.0	642.0
DEUTSCHE BK	429.9	428.0
DIVCO U.S.	349.00	349.00
DISCHERSON	244.81	245.81
DM HABCO	155.70	155.70
FAZ INDEX	469.74	466.94
FELDMUEHLN	0	303.5
GOLDSCHEID	270.0	263.0
HARPERN	404.0	408.0
HOECHST AG	266.4	264.2
HOESCH	136.8	136.0
HORTEN	192.0	187.0
HUSSEL HLD	433.0	432.0
KALI SALZ	150.0	153.0
KARSTADT	427.0	435.0
KAUFHOF	390.0	392.0
KLOECK H	125.8	127.0
KLOECK W	0	101.00
LINDE	682.0	683.0
LUFTHAUSA	142.7	142.5
MAN	183.2	188.5
MANNESMAN	157.8	155.5
MERCDES	516.8	515.0
METALLGES	305.0	312.0
HDXDORF PF	490.0	491.1
NORSK HYD	57.00	57.00
PHILIP KON	583.0	594.0
PORSCHE	508.0	505.0
PREUSSAG	168.0	167.5
PWA	213.7	213.0
RHEINMETAL	275.0	276.0
RWE	218.3	217.5
RWE P	204.8	205.8
SALAMANDER	254.5	251.5
SCHERING	518.0	520.0
SEL	290.0	296.0
SIEMENS	387.9	384.0
THYSSEN	141.5	142.0
VARTA	291.5	291.0
VERA	254.5	252.6
VEW	164.5	165.0
VOVSKAEN	252.9	253.0

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

**TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE UP IN MODERATE TRADE**

TOKYO, JUNE 13, REUTER—STOCK PRICES ROSE IN MODERATE TRADE AFTER WALL STREET GAINED ON FRIDAY, IN A MARKET THAT LACKED DIRECTION AS INVESTORS WAITED TUESDAY'S U.S. APRIL TRADE FIGURES, BROKERS SAID.

THE HIKEI INDEX ROSE 116.18 POINTS, OR 0.42 PCT., TO CLOSE AT 28,056.54, AGAINST FRIDAY'S CLOSE OF 27,920.36. SATURDAY WAS A ROUTINE HOLIDAY. VOLUME WAS A LIGHT 900 MIL SHARES AGAINST 2.2 BILLION SHARES ON FRIDAY. EXPORT-RELATED ELECTRICALS, PRECISION INSTRUMENTS AND AUTOS ADVISED THANKS TO THE STRONGER DOLLAR, BROKERS SAID. (CORRECTS INDEX CLOSE AND SIZE OF RISE IN LINE WITH NIHON KEIZAI SHINBUN REVISION).

BROKERS SAID MANY INVESTORS WERE TAKING A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SCHEDULED RELEASE ON TUESDAY OF APRIL U.S. TRADE FIGURES.

ONE BROKER ATTRIBUTED THE QUIET MARKET TO TYPICAL MONDAY MORNING CAUTION COMBINED WITH LACK OF NEW INCENTIVES. "THE 28,000 MARK IS WHERE THE INDEX WILL ROVER," HE SAID.

THE MARKET WAS RELATIVELY LOW, AND BROKERS PREDICTED IT WOULD ONLY REACH ONE BILLION BY THE END OF THE DAY, HALF OF FRIDAY'S HEAVY 2.2 BILLION SHARES.

THE STRONGER DOLLAR BOOSTED EXPORT-RELATED STOCKS LIKE HIGH-TECH ELECTRICALS, PRECISION INSTRUMENTS AND AUTOS.

THE ISSUES WERE THE FOCUS OF NEAR-RECORD VOLUME TRADE LAST WEEK, IN WHAT HAS BEEN SEEN AS A MARKET LACKING DIRECTION.

BROKERS CONTINUED TO WATCH DEFENCE-RELATED STOCKS IN THE RUNUP TO THE TORONTO SUMMIT WHICH STARTS ON JUNE 19. JAPAN IS EXPECTED TO COME UNDER PRESSURE THERE TO BEEF UP ITS DEFENCE OUTLAYS.

"THE DEFENCE STOCKS ARE GOING STRONG. I EXPECT THEY'LL KEEP MOVING UP OVER THIS WEEK," THE BROKER FROM A LEADING BROKERAGE SAID. DEFENCE-RELATED STOCKS LIKE JAPAN AVIATION ELECTRONICS, ROSE 30 YEN TO 1,450, AND NISSAN, WHICH PRODUCES ROCKET TECHNOLOGY, JUMPED 40 TO THIS YEAR'S HIGH OF 1,040.

DOLLAR CLOSES FIRMER IN TOKYO

TOKYO, JUNE 13, REUTER—THE DOLLAR CLOSED FIRMER AFTER QUIET TRADING ON POSITION ADJUSTMENTS AHEAD OF THE RELEASE OF U.S. APRIL TRADE DATA AT 1230 GMT ON TUESDAY, DEALERS SAID.

ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON HIGH-YIELD CURRENCIES SUCH AS THE NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR AND STERLING AS WELL AS ON CROSS TRADING.

"ALL DEPENDS ON THE (TRADE) DATA. IF THE DATA SHOW WITHIN MARKET EXPECTATIONS, WE MAY REMAIN IN A TIGHT RANGE BETWEEN 124.30 AND 125.80 YEN FOR A WHILE," SAID YUKIO TAKAHASHI, A VICE PRESIDENT OF CHEMICAL BANK.

THE DOLLAR CLOSED AT 125.19 YEN AND 1.7228/33 MARKS AGAINST 124.80/90 AND 1.7200/10 IN NEW YORK ON FRIDAY.

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## Currency Rates

Buying	Selling
US dollar	.27547 .27635
Sterling	.50057 .50378
D.M.	.15961 .16063
S. fr.	.19051 .19176
F. fr.	.04713 .04743
It. lira	.0002143 .0002157
Jap. yen</	

## BUSINESS

As markets await release of US April trade figures

### Dollar mainly higher, gold prices fall sharply

LONDON, June 13, (AP): The dollar was mainly higher in European trading today. Gold prices fell by more than \$7 an ounce.

The gold price slump in Europe followed sharp drops in New York late Friday — largely because of falling oil prices — after European markets had closed.

In London, gold was quoted at a late bid price of \$449 a troy ounce today, compared with late Friday's \$456.20.

In Zurich, gold closed at a bid \$448.50 compared with 458 late Friday.

#### Expected

Dealers said trading on foreign exchange markets was slow as market participants awaited tomorrow's release of the US April trade figures, which were expected to show a widening gap.

"It was a typical day before the release of major figures," said a London dealer. "Most people were just squaring their positions."

In London, the dollar rose against the British pound. It cost

\$1.8165 to buy one pound, cheaper than \$1.8175 late Friday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday:

- 1.7241 West German marks, up from 1.7180
- 1.4424 Swiss francs, up from 1.4355
- 5.7265 French francs, down from 5.8040
- 1.9345 Dutch guilders, up from 1.9280
- 1.28175 Italian lire, up from 1.278.50
- 1.2203 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2191.

The price of bullion, seen by many traders as a hedge against inflation, last week soared to its highest levels since January because many investors feared they could do this or the market will collapse," the Japanese trader said.

For those producers or traders who want oil prices to rise, and who argue that production cuts are the only way to push them higher, that is a discouraging prospect.

And in a television interview yesterday evening, UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba had more discouraging news, suggesting that OPEC is likely to have a hard time even enforcing the quotas it now sets.

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AN orthodox priest meditates away from the crowd during an open air service for the Orthodox Church at Moscow's Danilov Monastery on millennium of the Russian Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOVIET leader Mikhail Gorbachev greets Cardinal Agostino Casaroli at the Kremlin yesterday. The Cardinal is attending the millennium celebrations of Christianity in the Soviet Union. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE turbine engine of an Argentine Austral airlines DC-8 lies on top of other wreckage after the aircraft crashed on Sunday before starting a landing attempt at the airport in Posadas, some 112 kms north of Buenos Aires. The 22 persons that were aboard the airliner died in the crash. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITISH and German soccer fans fight outside the Stuttgart train station after the European Championship soccer match between England and Ireland on Sunday. Police quickly broke up the fights which involved about 30 fans from each side. (Reuter wirephoto)



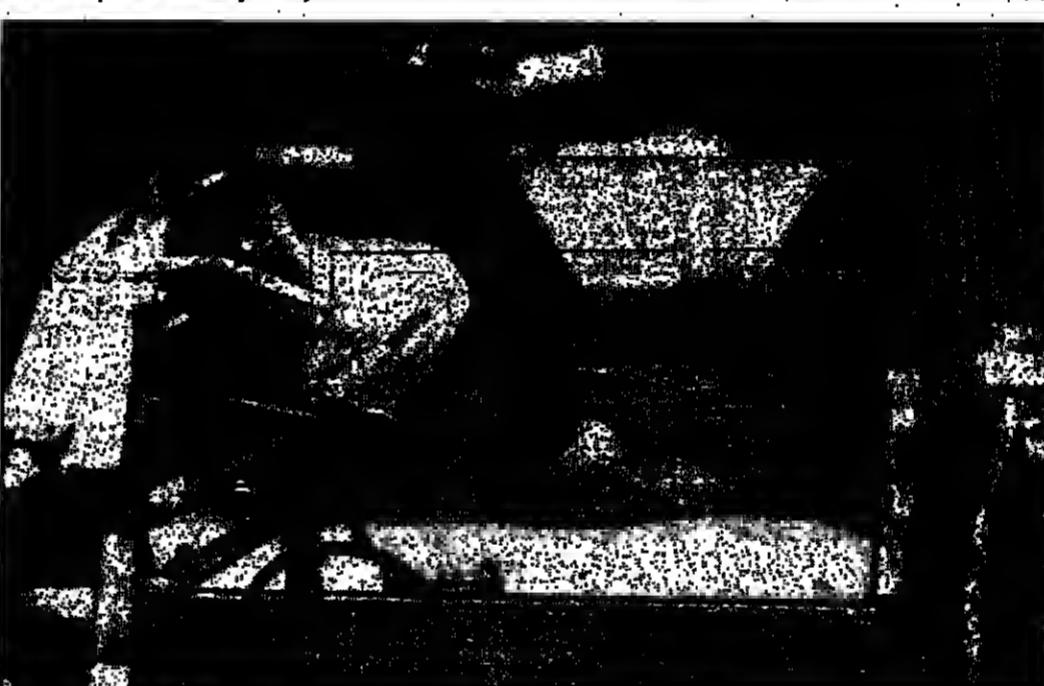
NEIL MCKENZIE of Great Britain slides on the ground after falling during the 500cc Austrian motorcycling Grand Prix in Salzburg on Sunday. Eddie Lawson of the United States won the race on Yamaha in front of Didier de Rodriguez of France. American Wayne Rainey finished third. McKenzie was not injured in the accident. (Reuter wirephoto)



MARIA KALININA (centre), 17, who was crowned 'Miss Moscow' in Moscow on Sunday, poses with the two runners-up, Oxana Fandera (right) and Elena Peredreeva. (Reuter wirephoto)



A GROUP of 63 Cypriot women blocked the entrance to Athens' most famous tourist attraction — The Acropolis — protesting against the visit of Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to Athens yesterday. The women are demonstrating against Ozal because Turkish troops occupied the northern part of Cyprus in 1974 and they had to leave their homes. (Reuter wirephoto)



A 'PEDICAB' driver doesn't seem too eager to pedal tourists around the sights of Macao, preferring a nap in the shade as temperatures in the Portuguese territory located near Hong Kong have recently hovered around 32 degrees centigrade. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORMER Prime Minister Raymond Barre arrives at his Parisian headquarters to comment on television the second round of France's general elections on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRIME MINISTER Turgut Ozal (right) is welcomed by Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou at Athens International Airport. Ozal arrived in Athens yesterday for a three-day official visit, the first by a Turkish prime minister in 36 years. (Reuter wirephoto)



OLIVER TAMBO, president of the African National Congress addresses a crowd of 15,000 anti-apartheid supporters at a Free Nelson Mandela rally in Glasgow on Sunday. The rally is part of a campaign to mark Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday. (Reuter wirephoto)



FILIPINO activists burn an American flag on Sunday as they try to march near the US embassy but were blocked by riot police. The demonstrators opposed the presence of US military bases in Philippines. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## SPORTS

## BASEBALL ROUNDUP

**Houston blank Atlanta**

NEW YORK, June 13, (AP): Six pitchers this season have had eight innings of dreams and one of disappointment.

Houston's Mike Scott provided the latest no-hitter yesterday when Atlanta's Ken Oberkfell lined a single to right field with two outs in the top of the ninth to ruin the right-hander's shot at the second no-hitter of his career.

Scott then retired Gerald Perry to finish with the one-hitter and a 5-0 victory over the Braves at the Astrodome.

"It's always disappointing when you come so close and don't get it, but at least we got the win," Scott said. "I wanted in get in a lot of innings today because our bullpen needed it."

It was the sixth time this season a pitcher has carried a no-hitter into the ninth inning only to lose it.

The astros gave Scott the lead with three runs in the first inning off Rick Mahler, 7-6, on Bill Duran's RBI double and run-scoring singles by Bass and Craig Reynolds.

**Expos 4, Mets 3**  
Andres Galarraga tied the score with a three-run Homer in the bottom of the ninth and Huhie Brook singed home Tim Raines in the 11th inning as Montreal sent visiting New York to its fifth straight loss. Mets starter Sid Fernandez allowed one hit over the first eight innings.

**Cubs 4, Cardinals 3**  
Greg Maddux became the Major League's first 11-game winner as Chicago defeated St Louis and swept the three-game series at Busch stadium. Pat Perry bailed Maddux out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the ninth inning, allowing only a run.

**Padres 5, Dodgers 2**  
Ed Whitson won his third straight as San Diego defeated Los Angeles for a sweep of the three-game series at Jack Murphy stadium. Carmelo Martinez and Benito Santiago each drove in two runs in the third inning.

**Reds 10, Giants 6**  
Danny Jackson drove in three runs and pitched seven strong innings to lead Cincinnati past San Francisco at Candlestick Park. Tim Birtas pitched the final two innings for the Reds, yielding a three-run Homer to Rusty Tillman with two outs in the ninth.

**Yankees 6, Orioles 5**  
Claudwell Washington's single over Baltimore's drawn-in outfield drove home the winning run with one out in the ninth inning as New York beat the Orioles for the second straight day. Cecilio Guante, 4-2, got the win despite allowing Eddie Murray's gametime, two-run Homer in the eighth.

**Results**  
**American League**

New York	6	Baltimore	5
Detroit	5	Cleveland	4
Boston	5	Chicago	4
Milwaukee	6	California	4
Kansas City	6	Seattle	2
Minnesota	6	Oakland	2
Texas	3		

**National League**

Montreal	4	New York	3
Philadelphia	5	Pittsburgh	4
Chicago	4	St Louis	3
Houston	5	Atlanta	0
San Diego	5	Los Angeles	2
Cincinnati	10	San Francisco	6

**HAGLER BIDS FAREWELL TO BOXING****Kalambay retains middleweight title**

RAVENNA, Italy, June 13, (Reuter): Sumbu Kalambay gave a spectacular exhibition of boxing technique on Sunday to outpoint powerful challenger 'Rockin' Robbie Sims of the United States and retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight title.

Zaire-born Italian Kalambay, 32, making his second title defence since winning the middleweight crown last October from new WBC champion Iran Barkley, never let the American into the fight and the judges, two Panamians and one Danish, awarded him the fight unanimously at the end of the 12-round contest.

Kalambay parried and jabbed stealthily through the opening rounds, using fast footwork to avoid Sims' heavy right hand.

**Managed**

Sims, 28, younger brother of former world middleweight champion Marcellous Marvin Hagler, managed a couple of useful punches in the second round, but afterwards took all the punishment.

Kalambay attacked and retreated with athletic dexterity, raining flurries of blows on Sims that would have floored a less resilient and determined opponent.

Sims never gave up, reacting forcefully each time he was hit but failing to make his punches



Hagler (right) raises Kalambay's arm after the fight. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Count**

Hagler, elegantly dressed in evening clothes, leapt to his feet to shout encouragement and advice, but Sims, whose defeat was only his fifth in 36 professional fights, was outclassed.

"I pushed more and used my right more, trying not to let him in," a cheerful Kalambay said after the fight. It was his 45th win in 48 matches. In March, he successfully defended his title with a point victory over Jamaican Mike McCallum.

Italian newspapers have speculated that Hagler, absent

from the ring since losing his title to Sugar Ray Leonard 14 months ago, might be Kalambay's next challenger.

But the big American told ring-side reporters he would not return to boxing, preferring to pursue a career in acting and advertising promotions.

"My heart says yes, but my brain says no," Hagler said when asked about his boxing future in a television interview beamed back live to the United States.

"I'd like to leave the game with all my faculties, with my health and some of my good looks,"



Kalambay (right) in action against Sims. (Reuter wirephoto)

said Hagler, his trademark clean-shaven beard glistening under the lights. "I'm going to retire and go to the movies."

Hagler, 34, said he was leaving with some reluctance, and with a bad taste in his mouth over his controversial defeat to Sugar Ray Leonard in his final fight.

"It still bothers me," Hagler said about his April 1987 fight with Leonard, who came out of retirement and snatched away

his title in one of the most shocking results in memory.

"I felt in my heart that I won my last fight, but it would probably be a year before anything could possibly come off again with Leonard and I have to think of my future."

Before losing to Leonard, Hagler had gone 11 years without a defeat and leaves the ring with a career record of 62 wins against three defeats and two draws.

**Davis keeps his cool to win**

RICKMANSWORTH, England, June 13, (Reuter): Australian Rodger Davis kept his nerve to sink a five-foot putt on the final green and collect the £30,000 (£34,000) winner's cheque in the National Pro-Celebrity Golf Tournament yesterday.

The 37-year-old was never headed from the moment he scored a course record 63 on Friday but needed his final putt three triple bogeys there, including one during the playoff he lost to Julius Boros.

Survivors of the 11th will then face what many predict will be the toughest hole in this year's Open, the 450-yard 12th, which usually plays as a par five but will be a par four for the world's best players.

**'Devil's Triangle' awaits golfers at US championship**

BROOKLINE, Mass., June 13, (Reuter): Three holes which might be called the 'Devil's Triangle' could prove as notorious in this week's US Open golf championship as 'Amen Corner' in the US Masters.

The 11th, 12th and 13th holes at the Augusta National Golf Club, permanent home of the Masters, have proved to be decisive over the years with the title not considered safe until the leaders have come safely through the tricky stretch.

The same run of holes at the Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, site of this year's US Open which begins on Thursday, could also prove to be the most important of the tournament.

**Dropped**

British Sandy Lyle almost lost this year's Masters when he dropped three strokes on two holes at Amen Corner. Only two remarkable birdies on the 16th and 18th holes gave him the championship in April.

This year's Open champion will also have to negotiate three such holes just waiting to ruin him.

The Country Club actually has 27 holes and the Open course has been set up to resemble as much as possible the course used for the 1913 Open.

It was at Open 75 years ago that a young farmer caddy at the club, Francis Ouimet, put the United States on the golfing map by winning an 18-hole playoff against two of the game's greatest players, British professionals Ted Ray and Harry Vardon.

One of the most important holes in Ouimet's totally unexpected victory over the distinguished visitors was the 17th, which today remains virtually the same as it was then.

**Birdie**

Using Hickory shaft clubs, playing in a chill rain and needing a birdie on one of the last three holes to tie for the championship, the 20-year-old Ouimet snatched the one he needed on the 17th.

"He played two well high perfect shots but was still left with a downhill curling putt," the great British golf writer Bernard Darwin wrote at the time.

**MOTOR RACING****Strength in depth pays off for Jaguar**

LE MANS, France, June 13, (Reuter): When Jaguar return to Le Mans for the 24-hour sports car classic next year, it looks certain they will arrive in strength once more.

The most striking lesson to emerge yesterday from their first Le Mans victory in 31 years was the wisdom of bringing five cars.

Last year they took three and started favourites. Two broke down and the third finished fifth, 400 kms behind Bruno Derek Bell's Porsche.

This weekend Jaguar again had their problems. Two cars — including their top one — pulled out, one spent a considerable time in the pits before finishing 16th and the other came in fourth seven laps or about 150 kms behind the winner.

Almost as if by the law of averages, one of the Jaguars enjoyed a trouble-free run so that Dutchman Jan Lammers and his two British co-drivers were able to put the famous manufacturer back on the map.

That delighted the huge British contingent making its annual pilgrimage in the track.

**Support**

It was also a great relief in the Jaguar camp when bad sent 14 drivers and a support staff of 111, a huge investment by any standards.

The reward came when Lammers concluded an outstanding drive by crossing the line officially two minutes 36 seconds ahead of West German Klaus Ludwig, co-driving with compatriot Hans-Joachim Stuck and Bell.

In the super-charged atmosphere of the final lap, Lammers slowed down to finish alongside another Jaguar.

The crowd rushed onto the circuit in emotional scenes and Lammers even had to swerve at one stage to avoid an over-keen fan seen kissing the track.

It was a thoroughly deserved victory by Jaguar in the most demanding of races, denying Porsche their eighth win in a row.

Lammers, 32, set up the win in the first 35 minutes with an aggressive drive from sixth place on the grid which helped to take him and his teammates in a lead they held for the first six hours.

Frenchman Bob Wolke took over as darkness fell but a broken water-pipe put their Porsche out of the race so that the final 12 hours belonged to Lammers and British co-drivers Johnny Dumfries and Andy Wallace.

**Lakers beat Pistons for series lead**

PONTIAC, Mich., June 13, (Reuter): James Worthy got the Lakers off and running and AC Green supplied the defensive difference as Los Angeles stunned the Detroit Pistons 99-86 yesterday to take a two games to one championship series lead.

The Lakers, hoping to become the first team in nearly two decades to repeat as champions, had a narrow 47-46 lead at the half but outscored their hosts by 31-18 in the third quarter to seize control of the game.

The next two games are scheduled for tomorrow and Thursday in the Pontiac Silverdome, with games 6 and 7, if necessary, scheduled for the Forum in Los Angeles.

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near here, passed out 14 assists and scored 18 points.

Green, who scored 21, shut down Pistons centre Bill Laimbeer, who failed to score a single point after his first-half haul of 10.

The victory, taken before a disappointed crowd of 38,000 at the Pontiac Silverdome, swung the home court advantage back to the Lakers.

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Both Becker and Edberg, whom he beat 6-1 3-6 6-3 in a fluctuating final, appreciate the relevance of the Queen's Club event, the traditional curtain-raiser to Wimbledon.

Since 1946, 22 players have contested the final at Queen's and then gone on to appear in the men's singles final at Wimbledon three weeks later — 14 of them claiming the ultimate prize tennis.

The Queen's Club finalists who have been Wimbledons in the same year are: Becker (1985), John McEnroe (1983, 1984), Jimmy Connors (1982), McEnroe (1981), John Newcombe (1967, 1970, 1971), Roy Emerson (1964, 1965) Rod Laver (1962), Frank Sedgeman (1952), Ted Schroeder (1949) and Bob Falkenburg (1948).

"I'm where I want to be," continued Becker, ranked seventh in the world but without peers on the lightning quick centre court at Wimbledon. "I'm actually a better player than 12 months ago, but I am only human and it's conceivable that another Doohan is lying in wait."

Since last year, Becker has taken on shrewd Australian Bob Brett as coach and is certain in his own mind that he will not be caught unaware a second time.

"It was nice to see Doohan setting out on foot for the same station as last year when I was leaving Queen's by car," said Becker. "He now admits he

wishes he'd never beaten me on number nine out at Wimbleton.

"The pressure will not be the same this year. In 1985 no-one expected me to win, so I was relaxed throughout ... 1986 was hell because I had to show my first Wimbledons win was no fluke."

"It's an important opportunity and it is our view that Perth can provide, at a reasonable cost, the sort of facilities that are required for the Games," he said.

The state government said several weeks ago that Perth might join Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in bidding for the 1996 Olympics.

Those three cities still are in the running.

**Tones**

The 22-year-old Swede's forehand is notoriously untrustworthy, and his good-natured tones give lie to his warlike offerings.

"Losing Queen's will make me all the more eager to beat him the next time we play," said Edberg with as much venom as he can muster.

That said, defending champion Cash, world number one Ivan Lendl, and Australian and French title-holder Mats Wilander will need no reminding Bjorn Borg won five Wimbledons crowns without ever competing at Queen's.

**Carded**

Norman shot a blistering 64 in the final round, while Ballesteros carded a 67, Frost 68 and Green shot 70.

For the Spaniard, it was his first victory on the US tour since 1985 when he won in New Orleans. Ballesteros, who won

**Ballesteros chips out of a sand trap during the playoff.**

(Reuter wirephoto)

**Ballesteros wins playoff for Westchester crown**

HARRISON, N.Y., June 13, (Reuter): Seve Ballesteros of Spain sank a five-foot birdie putt on the first hole of sudden death to beat three other golfers in a playoff for the \$700,000 Westchester Classic title yesterday.

Edberg, twice winner of the Australian title on grass, will be one of the main threats to Becker's ambitions of a third crown, but there appears to be something lacking in his game and personality.

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**SPORTS****MIDFIELDER RATS SCORES ONLY GOAL**

Rats (left) kicks the ball away from Gullit in the first half. (Reuter wirephoto)

**England must beat Dutch to stay in tournament**

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, June 13. (Reuter): England, humbled by outsiders Ireland, attempted to lift themselves today in time for Wednesday's crucial European Championship clash with the Netherlands.

"We had a bad start. We can't change the result," England manager Bobby Robson said.

"We know we have to win on Wednesday. The Dutch have to do the same. Whoever loses is out of the competition, so we've got a big match ahead of us — both teams."

"I was disappointed with our performance in the first half. But we were going like a steam-train at the end of the match. They were flagging; we just ran out of time," Robson said.

Several scoring opportunities fell to ace marksman Gary Lineker, but for once the Barcelona striker, who has scored 26 times in his 33 games for England, could not provide the decisive final touch.

"In the second half we had a lot of chances but the ball didn't run for us. It was just one of those days. Hopefully fortunes will turn when we play the Dutch on Wednesday," Lineker said.

**Defence**

Skipper Bryan Robson agreed. "In the second half we put the Irish defence open a few times. If we had had the run of the ball we could have scored three or four goals," he said.

But the England captain said Lineker had been made to shoulder too much of the responsibility for goals.

"A lot of pressure is put on Gary to score goals for us. In general, more pressure should be taken off Gary by the rest of the team," he said.

He usually does the business. We're relying on Gary, but it hasn't got to be like that. We've got to share the blame for the lack of goals at the moment."

Bobby Robson concurred. "If you augment Lineker's prowess with other people, you're on a good wicket. You know that on another day he'll poke two in with his eyes closed," he said.

**Aouita's time for two miles changed**

RABAT, June 13. (Reuter): Said Aouita's time for a two-mile race in Casablanca on Saturday has been officially changed to eight minutes 14.05 seconds, a Moroccan athletics official said today, outside the world best originally announced.

On Saturday it was announced that Aouita had clocked a hand-timed eight minutes 13.09 seconds, bettering his own world best of 8:13.45.

The electronic timing had broken down when an interloper walked through the finish line before the race had finished.

But today Royal Moroccan Athletics Federation chairman Abdelfrahman Medkouri said officials and organisers had examined photo-finish records of the race and agreed that Aouita had won the race in 8:14.05.

Moroccan Aouita holds the 1,500 and 5,000 metres world record and is world and Olympic champion over 5,000.

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